American Association of Nurserymen at the Sheraton and information contact the American Parkview Hilton hotels in Hartford, St., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005; telephone 202-393-8950.

15-17 — The United States Golf Clubmaker Association, which addresses the varied needs of clubmakers nationally, will meet in Louisville, Ky. More information and an entry form are available from Louisville Golf.

15-17 — Mid-Atlantic-Exhibition Dealers Association Summer Conference at the Carousel Hotel, on the beach at 118th St., Ocean City, Md. For more information call 1-800-641-0011.

27 — Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey July meeting at Colonia Country Club in Colonia. The host is Christopher Gaynor, 201-381-3511.

30-Aug. 2 — 44th annual meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For information telephone 515-293-2351.

August

9 — New England Nurserymen's Association summer meeting hosted by Golf Star Turf Farms in Canterbury, N.H., providing an in-depth look at turf production, a trade show and large equipment displays. For more information contact NENA, 24 West Road, Suite 53, Vernon, Vt. 05066.

2-16 — The annual meeting of the American Seed Control Officials at Hotel Niagara in downtown Niagara Falls, N.Y. For more information contact Ronald Barrett of the New York Department of Agriculture, 1 Winner St., Capitol Plaza, Albany, N.Y., 12235-0001; telephone 518-457-2087.

15-17 — Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey boat trip, Manasquan and Barnegat Bay, Brielle. Contact Bruce Cadenotti at 201-531-3609.

30 — The annual University of Rhode Island turfgrass field day at the Turfgrass Research Farm, Plains Road, Kingston, R.I. For more information contact Dr. C.R. Skogley, Plant and Sciences Department, Woodward Hall, Kingston, R.I. 02881.

September


October

4-5 — The annual Southern California Turfgrass Expo, devoted to the exhibition of equipment, materials and services for installing and maintaining turfgrass and landscape, at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. More than 230 manufacturers and distributors will display and services. Bluegrass music and a barbecue are included. For more information contact Chuck and Barbara Wilson at 714-951-8547.

4-6 — Golf Course Europe, an international exhibition and conference on the design, construction and maintenance of golf courses and on golf club management, at Rhein/Main Halls, Wiesbaden, West Germany. For more information contact

Allard J. Hoogland at Exposition, P.O. Box 200, 3600 AE Maarssen, Holland; telephone 03465-73777.

25-27 — 1989 Southwest Turfgrass Conference at the Albuquerque (N.M.) Convention Center will include the SWTG Conference, Turf and Ornamental Insect Management Exposition and a golf tournament. For more information contact the Southwest Turfgrass Association at New Mexico State University, P.O. Box 3AE, Las Cruces, N.M. 88003.

November

4 — Lawn Seed Conference at Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. For more information contact the American Seed Trade Association, 1030 15th St., N.W., Suite 964, Washington, D.C. 20005.

4-7 — Western Seedsmen's meeting in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information contact the Western Seedsmen's Organization Exposition and Technical Conference in Anaheim, Calif. For information contact Ann Sheridan, Southern California Superintendents, 425 East Monte Vista Dr., Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1009, Arlington, Va., 22209; 703-524-1200.

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Lake Nona building villas

Lake Nona Estate, an exclusive golf club community southeast of Orlando (Fla.) International Airport, has introduced Golf Club Villas.

Construction has begun on six homes, and seven of 21 lots have been sold. These first units, starting at $300,000, are expected to be completed in November.

The Villas, in keeping with Lake Nona's Neo-Georgian style architecture, are being designed by Donald Lococo and constructed by Christopher Mason Company. Both firms are based in Orlando.

Mole crickets

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Rehberg said.

In the controlled IFAS study, the nematodes have remained in the soil four years after their release and their effect on mole cricket populations has been de- tested recently at sites from the original release point.

In that study on bahiagrass pasture land which, Rehberg pointed out, "is particularly susceptible to the dreaded root-feeding pest, the "mole cricket populations ... have decreased by about 95 percent and continued a decline as we continue to monitor."

"Grass and trees have recovered from mole cricket damage and mole crickets are no longer an economic problem in these pastures."

The nematode and its lethal bacterium are completely harmless to "all other biological systems," Rehberg said. "All tests indicate so far that it is very spe-

fic."

"Now the FTGA, which funded the IFAS research by Dr. Grover, have Smart with $45,000 in grants, is going to let 20 members pay $8,000 each to test the nematode on their golf courses."

"Unfortunately we'll have more than 20 willing to participate," Rehberg said. "Compared to the alternatives, $8,000 is practically free."

Mole crickets reportedly caused millions of dollars of damage each year to golf courses in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina.

The problems in testing the nematode under field conditions has not been so much with the organism but with the "delivery system."

The laboratory technique for infecting the mole crickets is diffi-

cult, unpleasant and expensive.

Besides, Rehberg said, "the IFAS is not equipped, nor is it in business, to raise large amounts of any biological control agent."

The technique developed by the FTGA involves luring mole crick-

ets to traps filled with nematode- infested sand and then dumping the infected mole crickets on the golf course "where they can go infect other mole crickets before they die," Rehberg said.

"It may take a couple years to get them out there in sufficient numbers to really show you a dif-

ference," he said, "but we think it will happen."

Participants in the test will be selected in late summer or early fall.

They will be chosen in such a way as to guarantee a variety of soil and climatic conditions. They will attend a seminar in Gainesville, Fla., before getting their nematode.