Courses breaking hazwaste law

BY MARK LESLIE

Most golf courses today are breaking the law.

Only 45 percent of the Club Managers Association of America members questioned in a poll say their clubs have a hazard communication program, and an industry expert feels even that is a high figure.

A poll conducted by Public Opinion Research, Inc., of Washington, D.C., and CMAA's Governmental Affairs Department found that only 56 percent of the managers polled had even heard about the law requiring a hazard communication program.

Oregon seed law vote soon

A decision is expected in mid-June on a proposed field-burning law in Oregon that may endanger the entire supply of U.S.-produced cool-season golf course grasses.

Observers close to the Oregon state Legislature say the seed industry has enough support in the House to kill any bill that would be too damaging to the 70 seed companies and 800 farmers who grow seed in the state.

But Dave Nelson, executive director of the Oregon Fine Fescue Commission, is not taking anything or anyone for granted.

"Things have to cook and take their time" in the legislative process, he said. "We're proceeding through the process but we won't know anything for sure until the final vote on the floor."

Another industry expert said the state Senate in mid-May was taking a harsh stand that would have cut the number of acres that could be burned in the state from 250,000 to 150,000 this fall, then to 100,000 acres in 1990, and 50,000 in 1991 and thereafter. The Senate at that time supported raising the fee farmers pay per acre burned from the current $3.50 to $20 or $25 an acre in 1992. A total of 345,000 acres produces grass seed in the state.

Drought woes plague courses

BY KATHY BISSELL

The drought situation continues to affect golf courses in all parts of the country.

Most severely hit are areas of Northern California, according to Don Hoos, director of agronomy for Landmark Land Co., Inc., which has 22 courses from California to Florida.

"In Carmel and Monterey the underground aquifer is not as good as in some areas. There has already been a 20 percent reduction request for industrial users, which includes golf courses, hotels and resorts," Hoos explained. "They can achieve 20 percent by being more careful with irrigation, maintaining minimum levels for grass, not watering roughs. The greens..."
June

1-2 — ASSISIEL (International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Varieties) Congress at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel. Register with Arlinda Dorsett, Secretary to International Marketing Director, American Seed Trade Association, 103015th St., N.W., Suite 964, Washington, D. C. 20005.


8-11 — Grand Traverse Resort’s Traverse Cup for golf industry leaders, sanctioned by the Trade Association of America Putting Invitational Company headquarters in Post Falls, Idaho. It will include field and research tours, including viewing the improved working of the course and tourist facilities and seeking out needs for business communities.

12-14 — Third annual Jacklin Seed Co. Turfgrass Science Conference in Traverse City, Mich. It will discuss turfgrass with Arlinda Dorsett, Secretary to International Marketing Director, American Seed Trade Association, 103015th St., N.W., Suite 964, Washington, D. C. 20005.

15 — First Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Putting Invitational from 7 to 11 p.m. at Stouffer Rochester Plaza Hotel at 70-106th, Rochester, N.Y. Superintendents’ competition is set for 8 p.m., and media competition at 9 p.m. Cash and trophies will be awarded. People should RSVP to 913-841-2250 or 800-473-7787.

25-29 — American Water Technology Exhibition, Sydney, Australia. For more information contact the International Great British Association of Water Technology, 29 Deering St., London, W1A 1UN, United Kingdom.

19-21 — 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 Hoogland at Expoconsult, P.O. Box 200, 3600 AE Maarssen, Holland; telephone 033/825-0152.

25-27 — 1989 Southwest Turfgrass Conference at the Albuquerque (N.M.) Convention Center will include the SWTG Conference, Turf and Ornamental Insect Management Workshop 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.

July

13-17 — 114th convention of the American Association of Nurserymen at the Sheraton and Parkview Hilton hotels in Hartford, Conn. For further information contact the American Association of Nurserymen, 1251 1st, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005; 202-789-2900.

30-Aug. 2 — 44th annual meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For information telephone 515-289-2331.

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.

2-6 — The annual meeting of the Association of American Seed Control Officials at Hotel Niagara in downtown Niagara Falls, N.Y. For more information contact Roland Marks of Fowler Agency Inc., which insures golf courses, said in New Jersey the superintendent is set for 8 p.m. and media competition at 9 p.m. Cash and trophies will be awarded. People should RSVP to 913-841-2250 or 800-473-7787.

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November

4 — Lawn Seed Conference at Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. For more information contact the American Seed Trade Association, 103015th St., N.W., Suite 964, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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hazard communication program is the number one violation of the law in the country. Breaking this law can carry civil and criminal penalties.

Yet the 45 percent compliance rate found in the CMAA poll is inflated, according to the experience of Steve Wharton, environmental audit project manager for Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services in Lawrence, Kansas, who has been working on the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and its members nationwide to comply with environmental regulations.

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