Turf industry must plan ahead

To the Editor:
I read with a great deal of interest your commentary (in June) on recent actions in Japan to ban or prevent use of chemicals on golf courses. I agree with your conclusion that this will become a problem here in the United States (Vermont and Green Point, Fla., for example).

The environmentalist agenda is not to prevent chemical use in golf course management but to ban uses in all non-agricultural areas. Their argument is that chemical use is of no value to society, it's cosmetic, not a human benefit, and society would be better off if everything were left to "Nature's Way."

We in the turf industry must plan now to educate the public, our legislators and the news media, that turf and its management have a value in our society and those who use chemicals do so in a responsible manner.

Our actions in product stewardship, education, and research will be the foundation of our argument. Maybe it's not so much a helmet we need but a plan to address these issues as they occur and not react with flapping arms and shouts of dismay.

Sincerely,
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Thank you for book report

To the Editor:

We don't know if you are a golfer or just spend your time writing about it — but if a golfer, our best wishes for many rounds in 1990 about eight strokes below your handicap.

If you are not a golfer, you don't know what you are missing — although at times you might wish you had taken up the game to get rid of frustrations (or does the game increase them?).

Best wishes, and many thanks to you and to the great Golf Course News.

Sincerely,
Spencer H. Davis Jr.
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