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Superintendents are finding new ways to fumigate their putting surfaces.

Newest biogenetic research goes biolistic

The U.S. Golf Association, seed companies and others are taking their first baby steps into the area of genetically engineered turfgrasses, hoping research will eventually lead to plants that are resistant to many turf ailments.

Recent advances in the technology of transferring genetic material, specifically the biolistic method, has helped make that possible, according to Dr. Peter Day of Rutgers University's Cook College.

Basically this involves taking a plastic projectile with a surface layer of tungsten or gold. It is then coated with DNA containing the desired genetic trait.

The projectile is fired with a 22-caliber cartridge toward a steel plate with a small hole. A partial vacuum containing grass cells is on the other side of the plate. The steel stops the projectile, but the DNA continues through the hole and hits the target cells. Some of the DNA penetrates the nucleus.

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