

North Central



DATA WILL RECOMMEND WATER USE

Kansas State University has launched a plan to make turfgrass water use data

available daily to golf course superintendents and other landscape managers.

Using a computer and modem, managers will be able to access the information that will be posted on the KSU computer "bulletin board."

KSU will recommend water use for various locations in the state. Information may be specific enough to address water needs for warm- or cool-season grasses, tees, fairways, roughs and lawns.

TURF WATER CONSERVATION STUDIED

Kansas State University has completed the first year of turf water conservation study that officials hope will help the state deal with water shortages.

Assistant Professor Jack D. Fry of the KSU Department of Horticulture reported that the work is aimed at:

- determining water use rates of warm- and cool-season grasses grown under fairway and lawn conditions in Kansas;
- evaluating tools that superintendents can use to monitor turf water use on-site; and
- evaluating drought resistance and water requirements of new warm-season turfgrass cultivars in Kansas.

Research covered the first two areas in 1992 and will target the third this summer.

The Wichita Public Works Department, which is demanding that less water be used on turf, is funding the research with a four-year, \$40,000 grant.

Southeast

SCHAAL, SEAY SPEAK IN S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Speakers from golf course architect Ed Seay to PGA of America President Gary Schaal will address a conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 9 at Forest Lake Club, sponsored by the United States Green Section, in cooperation with the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Seay will keynote the conference. Other speakers joining Schaal are Dr. Robert Mazur of Clemson University, Dr. Leon Lucas of North Carolina State, Dr. Richard Dunn of the University of Florida, Dr. Leon Stacy, Larry Adamson and Nancy Sadlon of the USGA, Monsanto environmental manager Thomas Hoogheem, dermatologist Dr. Lee Jordan, and arborist Ken Knox.

Schaal's topic is "Cooperation Is the Name of the Game." Seay will talk on the unique architectural and construction activities at Old Tabby Links.

Lucas will review new turf diseases over the past 10 years, while Dunn will talk on enhanced microbial degradation in suppression of nematodes, Stacy on mole cricket control, Hoogheem on pesticide issues and the general public, Knox on preserving trees during golf course construction, Mazur on transitional management ideas for Bermudagrass, and Jordan on your skin and the sun.

Patrick O'Brien of the USGA will discuss the new revised USGA putting green specifications. And Adamson will give a behind-the-scenes look at championship administration.

Members of the Carolinas and Georgia superintendents associations, PGA and CMAA will receive state pesticide recertification credits for attending the conference.

More information is available from Roger A. Harvie, USGA's manager of regional affairs for the Southeastern Region, in Marietta, Ga.

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