CHEMICAL BOOKS RELEASED

Thomson Publications of Fresno, Calif. has published two new books of interest to turf managers: “The User’s Reference Guide to Pesticides” and “The Spanish-English, English-Spanish Illustrated Agricultural Dictionary.” “The User’s Guide” lists by generic name all products registered in the United States, followed by the different formulations with their tank-mix, adjuvant and compatibility recommendations. It is priced at $27.95. The paper-bound dictionary is designed to assist turf managers dealing with the influx of Hispanic crew members. It retails for $27.95. For more information, call Thomson at 209-435-2163.

CLEMSON REPORT DUE

The initial findings of Clemson University’s ecosystem study of the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island are due out in January. First undertaken in 1990, the 3-year study is analyzing the relationship between golf course maintenance practices and the environment at the Pete Dye-designed layout, site of the 1992 Ryder Cup. Dr. Ron Kendall, director of Clemson’s Environmental Quality Board, are co-sponsoring the project.

MINNESOTA WATER TALKS SLATED

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Legislative Water Commission, in cooperation with the Environmental Quality Board, are co-sponsoring meetings to discuss the state’s ground-water protection efforts. They will be held Jan. 5 in Rochester in Riverland Technical College’s Room C-103; Jan. 6 in Marshall in the Department of Transportation (DOT) building’s Conference Room; Jan. 19 in Duluth in the DOT Conference Room; and Jan. 20 in Detroit Lakes at City Hall’s City-County Chamber.

Shining the light on grow-in secrets

By TERRY BUCHEN

Many “secrets” for a successful grow-in, implementing newly planted turf, are just the opposite of routine maintenance where fertilization, pesticide usage and mowing applications, and mowing heights are concerned. A few cases in point:

1. Use high rates of phosphorus for excellent root and top growth and keep the potassium levels also high for sustained disease prevention. Utilize a safe, homogeneous fertilizer granular product that you are personally familiar with.

2. Use “THE SANDWICH” method whereby the turf on putting greens is

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President Sweda promises OTF return to basic intent

By MARK LESLIE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Saying that many members have lost sight of the purpose of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (OTF), new President Don Sweda intends to re-establish the organization’s original purpose.

“Almost all the members are involved with turf, whether it is lawn care, golf courses, cemeteries or sports fields,” said Sweda, a certified golf course superintendent from Columbia Hills Country Club in Columbia.

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Station. “OTF exists to join all the associations to help and support Ohio State, and we want to regain the university’s support and understanding. We have many new, exciting projects.”

A former president of the Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association who has served six years on the OTF board, Sweda said that too often superintendents and lawn-care people don’t attend OTF functions, thinking the foundation is not in their bailiwick. He hopes his demonstration can begin a drive that will bulge membership rolls from 1,300 to 2,000.

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Glover retires at NMS

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Charles Glover, agronomist with New Mexico State University’s Cooperative Extension Service, has retired after 15 years of service. Since 1990, he has been administrative officer for the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association.

Glover’s Extension educational program covered soil fertility, alfalfa, irrigated pastures, cotton and other crops important to New Mexico. He also helped solved problems channeled through county agents’ offices.

He is now working full-time for the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association and the 1517 Cotton Association, primarily with seed certification and foundation seed programs. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from NMSU.