WHERE THEY'RE GOING

GCSAA President Grigg leaves Naples National for Royal Poinciana

NAPLES, Fla. — Gary Grigg, newly elected president of the GCSAA, has left Naples National Golf Club to take the head superintendents position at nearby Royal Poinciana Golf Club here.

NAPLES, Fla. — Kevin Ross, a member of the Golf Course News Editorial Advisory Board, has left Falmouth (Maine) Country Club to accept the head superintendents position at the Nicklaus-designed Country Club of the Rockies here. Ross will be replaced by his longtime assistant at Falmouth, Scott Cybulski.

ORONO, Maine — Blayr Crowley is the new head superintendent at Penobscot Valley Country Club here. A 1994 graduate of the Turfgrass Management program at the University of Massachusetts, Crowley cut his teeth as an assistant to Pat Lewis at Portland (Me.) Country Club.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Thom Charters has left Weston Golf & Country Club to accept the head superintendent's job at Bayview Country Club here. "I'm looking forward to it," said Charters. "A new irrigation system is to be installed and we'll be building a new maintenance facility."

LIMESTONE, Maine — Craig Phair is the new superintendent at Inland Winds Golf Club, replacing 10-year veteran Fred McPheeters. Gagne comes to Kebo from Waterville (Me.) Country Club, where he served as Kyle Evans' assistant since 1989.

USGA publishes research findings for the industry


A 20-page technical summary titled "Golf and The Environment" is aimed at an audience with some technical background, including architects, superintendents, environmental engineers and consultants, and regulatory agency scientists. It contains a list of references related to benefits of turfgrass. Cost is $2.

A four-page topical summary provides a non-technical overview, and will be useful in responding to inquiries from golfers, golf associations, allied associations, and media reporters. Cost is 82.

To order these summaries, contact Dr. Kimberly Erusha, U.S. Golf Association, Golf House, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, N.J. 07931-0708; or call 908-234-2300, ext. 5498.

Take note of pesticide tests

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Will go a long way to reduce pest problems. However, golf courses are under a great deal of stress from low mowing, heavy play, poor light and poor water quality.

We need pesticides to help produce quality playing surfaces. But they are a tool among many in our agronomic tool box. Pesticides should not be a crutch supporting poor agronomic conditions which will never produce healthy turf.

Superintendents need to continue to educate golfers on sound agronomic principles, and golfers need to listen and make long-term plans to improve the health of their courses.

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