Dedman, Family Dye to keynote Expo

Dedman will keynote Day II.

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The Dyes are one of the most famous families in the game, each of them meeting the very different, specific needs of public-access golf.

Dedman, who founded Franklin Federal Bancorp

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New strains stand out at fescue trials

By MARK LESLIE

BELTSVILLE, Md. — Oh, how the mighty have fallen in the ever more popular world of fine fescues. With the release of the first-year findings in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP), only two of the previous four-year trial's top 10 fine fescues are in this top 10 and only three are even in the top 30 after the first year of this study.

And this with 35 fewer varieties being tested. Turfgrass breeders have made major strides, improving color, heat- and drought-tolerance and resistance to foliar diseases, particularly

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Cities turn to non-profit management groups

By PETER BLAIR

Seattle recently turned over operation of its three public courses to a newly formed, non-profit corporation, a move being considered in a growing number of U.S. cities.

"It gaining favor throughout the country because it works," said Lynnie Cooke, executive director of the Baltimore Municipal Golf Corp., which is frequently cited as a model operation by non-profit advocates.

Since assuming control in 1985, BMGC has made $4.5 million in improvements to the city's five golf facilities and is planning a sixth course, all at no expense to taxpayers. Annual rounds increased from 185,000 in 1984 to 558,000 in 1990. Green fees, reportedly the lowest among major municipal layouts in the Mid-Atlantic, have remained at $10.50 since 1987. Two of its courses, Fine Ridge and Mt. Pleasant, are generally considered among the top 10 public layouts in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia.

In light of Baltimore's success, Indianapolis is set to hand over the reins to three of its public courses to a non-profit organization, Cooke said. Newark, N.J., officials visited Cooke in early July and are seriously considering establishing a

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Fine fescues: Natural but not too wild...longer maintained...striking

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**Note:** The table contains test results for various fine fescue varieties under different soil and climate conditions. The results are measured using a scale from 1 to 10, with higher scores indicating better performance. The table includes columns for soil texture, soil pH, and other factors that influence the growth of fescues.

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