Turf Resource Center has released informational four-color brochures about turfgrass sod. Turf Installation — from measuring and ordering sod to soil preparation and hydroseeding, including a checklist to evaluate the importance of each factor and which method best suits specific needs. They are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the center at 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

ARIZONA PESTICIDE USE SURVEYED
The pesticide coordinator’s office at the University of Arizona, in cooperation with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, is conducting a pesticide use survey on Arizona golf courses. The office is attempting to determine, from these confidential surveys, such information as pesticide use patterns, management strategies and integrated pest management (IPM) practices. The survey was expected to be distributed in January.

HODGE TAKES CHARGE IN MAINE
PORTLAND, Maine — Jim Hodge of Val Halla Golf Course in Falmouth was elected president, heading a new slate of officers for the Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association, and declared his role will be “that of a communicator” within the organization. Hodge, who replaced Pat Lewis of Portland CC, is joined by Vice President Norm Hevey of Dutch Elm GC in Biddeford and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Child. John Laprey of York Golf & Tennis Club in Cape Neddick was elected to a three-year term to the board of directors. Saying he will be available to discuss concerns and answer questions, Hodge said: “I want to keep all members informed of what’s going on in their association.”

PA TOURNAMENTS RAISE $19,000
The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council grossed $19,000 at two golf tournaments in October to benefit research, teaching and extension at Penn State University. Sewickley Heights Golf Club in the Pittsburgh area and Chester Valley Golf Club outside Philadelphia hosted the tournaments. Forty-six sponsors and 240 players took part.

Breeders close to solving Poa annua puzzle
By DAVID M. ROSE
Poa annua, an invasive annual bluegrass, is a perennial headache for course managers in marine climates all over the world. Strategies for eradicating Poa annua exist, but they’re labor-intensive and not always successful. Now researchers expect to provide superintendents with a new weapon in the battle against this invasive weed. Their solution? Better Poa annua.

“Poa annua is a grass that is continually evolving and changing in response to environmental pressures,” said Dr. Donald White, leader of the breeding project at the University of Minnesota. White said perennial cultivars for golf course use, “favorably competitive, and not always successful. Now researchers expect to provide superintendents with a new weapon in the battle against this invasive weed. Their solution? Better Poa annua.”

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Supers to designers:
Stop! Look! Listen!
By PETER BLAIS
Not only should architects strive to bring superintendents aboard as early as possible in the construction process, they need to listen to them once they are there.

“Those were the overriding concerns of superintendents at courses opened in the past year. The superintendents were queried in a Golf Course News survey asking them to rate the job done by architects at their courses.”

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A HISTORY
It’s a golf world after all
By JIM CONNOLLY
There exist numerous historical accounts on the game of golf from every perspective and point of view. Authors of different persuasions write about “Golf And The Golf Club,” “Golf And The Golf Ball,” “Golf and the Rules,” “Golf’s Great Players,” ad infinitum, each offering their opinions depending upon point of view.

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