LIBERTY ELM PROGRAM INSTITUTED
BARRISVILLE, N.H. — The Elm Research Institute here has established a new program, The Liberty Tree Memorial, to restore elm trees resistant Liberty elms. More information is available from ERI Executive Director J.P. Hansel at telephone 603-827-3468.

DELI STUDENTS’ TRAINING ENHANCED
DELHI, N.Y. — Golf education majors at the State University College of Technology at Delhi will soon be putting one of the industry’s newest innovations to the test. Students will learn to operate the Ransomes E-Plex all-electric greens mower as part of their academic training, thanks to Ransomes America Corp. and its distributor, the S.V. Moffett Co. of West Henrietta, N.Y. The mower, valued at more that $15,000, is an example of Delhi’s commitment to offer students experience using state-of-the-art equipment, according to Dominic Morales, program director.

TPF SETS SUMMER CONVENTION
OMAHA, Neb. — The Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) Summer Convention and Field Days, featuring educational sessions, demonstrations and special tours, will be held here July 27-29. Todd Valley Farms in nearby Mead will host the opening night banquet and demonstration day activities, while Red Lion Hotel here will house the educational sessions. The tour will include the University of Nebraska test facility in Mead and Valmont Irrigation manufacturing plant in Valley. More information is available from TPI, 1855 A-Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008; telephone 708-705-9888.

UMASS SETS IPM WORKSHOPS
AMHERST, Mass. — The University of Massachusetts Coop. Extension has scheduled a series of landscape and nursery Integrated Pest Management workshops, featuring hands-on demonstrations of IPM tools and techniques as well as a close look at some common cultural problems and troublesome insect, mite and disease problems. More information is available from the Extension here concerning the workshops, set for May 31 and Sept. 6 in Walpole, June 7 and Sept. 13 in Sandwich, June 14 in Wrentham, July 12 in Stockbridge and Sept. 14 in South Deerfield.

MAINTENANCE

McNabb super one of four Americans in elite group

LONDON — You can count the world’s Master Greenkeepers on two hands, and Richard McNabb is now one of them. McNabb, superintendent at Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken, S.C., became one of nine Master Greenkeepers, receiving his certificate at the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) annual awards banquet at the British Turfgrass Management Expo here.

McNabb is one of four Americans to earn the prized distinction, joining William Montague of Oakwood Club in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Robert Maibusch of Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill., and Terry Buchen of Double Eagle Club in Galena, Ohio.

Saying merely that he is “proud of the accomplishment,” McNabb added that he first became interested in the Master Greenkeeper (MG) certification in 1993 while working on a greens renovation at St. Margarets Golf Club in Dublin, Ireland.

To achieve MG status, a superintendent must meet standards in education and experience and pass a written essay test as well as a course examination by BIGGA. McNabb, who earned his certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) status from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1981, has worked at Palmetto since 1994.

He is working on a bunker renovation and regrassing of the greens, tees and fairways on the course, which was built in 1892 and then remodeled by Alister Mackenzie, he will laser-level the tees and spray the fairways, tees and greens with 419 Bermudagrass. He will also restore the trademark Mackenzie bunkers. McNabb has also completed the process of preserving the greens contours on computer.

Meanwhile, Connor will start a resurfacing project at Locusthatchee Club in Jupiter, Fla. But not all generations strip off the bentgrass and replace it with Bermudagrass.

Roll with it!
The lost cause: Telling green’s ‘trueness’

By TERRY BUCHEN

Edward S. Stimpson, the 1935 Massachusetts Amateur champion, designed the Stimpmeter some 40 years ago but it was brought to its present form through the hard work of Frank Thomas, technical director of the U.S. Golf Association and the staff at the USGA Green Section in the late 1970s.

The Stimpmeter has been a valuable tool for golf course superintendents to make their green speed consistent for the golfing elite. If the total measurements, done in two directions, on all 18 greens is within 8 inches of each other, the greens speed consistency is considered good; within 6 inches is considered very good; and within 4 inches is considered excellent.

There is another extremely valuable use for the Stimpmeter that has been overlooked since its inception. The Stimpmeter can also be used to tell “how true” a putting surface is and how good and consistent the speed of the ball is. While the green is being checked for speed, it can also be checked for its “trueness” by being a little more scrupulous in holding and implementing the Stimpmeter operating procedure.

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