Washed sod offers advantages to the producer—such as less soil loss and lighter shipping weight—but presents some establishment problems such as rooting difficulties associated with sod heating in transit, drought intolerance and disease susceptibility. These problems are being addressed and practical recommendations developed.

Organic amendments provide plant nutrients, but may also confer other benefits, often wildly exaggerated, in improved turf quality through disease suppression and thatch reduction.

Dr. Bridget Ruemmele is also actively involved in a colonial bentgrass and fine fescue breeding program and is in charge of the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program trials at our research farm.

In related studies, Dr. Michael Sullivan is monitoring root growth patterns in selected turfgrasses, measuring the seasonality of root mass production and relating this feature to nutrient scavenging efficiency. These projects are important in that they seek to mini-
IGM hires Campbell at Sandridge GC

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Scott Campbell has been retained as superintendent of Sandridge Golf Club here by International Golf Management, Inc. (IGM), a Lake- land-based firm providing turnkey golf course maintenance services on a contractual basis for public and private golf courses throughout the Southeast.

Campbell is responsible for complete maintenance at Sandridge's two 18-hole, par-72 courses — The Dunes and The Lakes. He supervises a staff of 23 and reports directly to Jim Wells, IGM's central Florida regional manager. Immediately before joining IGM, Campbell served six years as golf course superintendent at Sandridge. He came to Sandridge as assistant golf course superintendent in June 1989, following graduation from Lake City Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in golf course management.

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Cary D. Lee has been selected as the superintendent for Heritage Palms here. The 18-hole golf course, practice facility, and golf shop are part of the master-planned community, Heritage Palms, being developed by U.S. Home Corp. and managed by Western Golf Properties, Inc.

Prior to joining Heritage Palms, Lee served as superintendent/director of maintenance at Rancho Mirage (Calif.) Country Club from 1990 through 1995, as construction superintendent with Westinghouse Desert Communities, Inc., Lee led the team that brought Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert to fruition. Prior to that, he was an assistant superintendent at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage from 1986 through 1990 and La Quinta (Calif.) Country Club from 1969 through 1981.

TUCSON, Ariz. — David F. Herman has been hired as superintendent for Heritage Highlands here. The 18-hole golf course, practice facility, and golf shop, which is located in the community clubhouse is part of the master-planned community, Heritage Highlands, being developed by U.S. Home Corp. and managed by Western Golf Properties, Inc.

Herman served as assistant superintendent at Westin La Paloma Country Club here from 1994 to 1996, and Desert Hills Golf Club in Green Valley from 1992 until 1994. Before being elevated to assistant superintendent, Herman was an equipment manager at Red Mountain Ranch Country Club in Mesa and The Country Club at Green Valley in Green Valley.

Herman received a degree in turf management at Rutgers University.

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Dr. Ray Taylorson, our herbicide specialist, is investigating commercially available and experimental herbicides, both pre- and post-emergence materials, for their weed-control efficacy and phytotoxic effects. Another primary research effort involves control of poa annua.

GCN: Do you think the U.S. Golf Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and local superintendent chapters do a good job of allocating their research dollars? How might the process be improved?

NJ: Local and regional support from GCSAA affiliates, and other turf organizations, has been generous and particularly welcome in times of reduced experiment station and university funding.

We've had limited support over the years from the USGA, but look forward to more sustained funding in the future.