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Field Days: Seed quality put to the test
By MICHAEL LEVANS
CORYALLS, Oregon — With field burning severely cut back and three mild, very wet winters behind them, Oregon-based seed growers are facing what is perhaps the heaviest onslaught of *Poa annua*, *Poa trivialis* and native bentgrasses contamination the industry has seen.

According to regional seed growers, the problem has been mounting over the past five years and is affecting species across the board — even species that are traditionally *Poa*-free.

"We're basically starting to see the effects of five or six years of no burning," said Glenn Jacklin, senior vice president of production and grower services at Jacklin Seed Co.

The past three mild winters haven't helped either. Due to higher than normal temperatures and extensive rains, growers aren't getting the necessary activity out of standard chemical practices.

"This year we're seeing *Poa annua* in production areas that we traditionally don't see it because of the winters," said Jacklin. "With El Nino, we had a pretty light winter in all our production regions."

The work now rests on the shoulders of seed farmers. The seed cleanup process has slowed considerably while, in many cases, farmers have added costly machinery upgrades to

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Childs play: Kids Course, a new first
By MARK LESLIE

AERIAL view of Florida's Sandestin Resorts course.

Intrawest continues move on South
By PETER BLAIS

VANCOUVER, B.C., Canada — Vancouver-based Intrawest, one of the largest ski resort owners in North America, has moved further into the warm-weather resort market with its recent purchase agreement to buy Florida's Sandestin Resorts for $130 million. Sandestin is a 2,400-acre golf course resort with 63 holes of golf and a residential community located between Pensacola and Panama City.

Tom Richardson, chief financial officer of American Skiing Co. (ASC), also a large owner/operator of ski resorts and golf courses throughout the country, said of the Sandestin deal: "It has a lot of condominium management opportu-
NCA elects new president, officers

Former LA lawyer to lead private club association

WASHINGTON — Charles Forbes was elected the 21st president of the National Club Association at the organization’s recent annual meeting held in Charlotte, N.C.

Forbes is a former partner with the Los Angeles law firm Musick, Peeler & Garrett. He was a member of the board of directors and served as vice president of the California State Club Association. He is also a past president of the California Club. Forbes served as legal counsel for the California Healthcare Association, and was a trustee for the St. Anne’s Foundation. He is a member of the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and served on the Legal and Tax Committee of the Southern California Golf Association.

Elected to serve in other officer positions were J. Bryan Williams as vice president; Frank T. Stover, Certified Club Manager (CCM), as treasurer; and Robert C. James, CCM, as secretary.

Williams is an executive partner with the Detroit law firm Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman. He earned a law degree from the University of Detroit and served as a member of the Michigan Club. In addition to his firm responsibilities, Williams has served on several committees and boards.

Stover is the general manager of The Chicago Club and a past president of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen. James is executive director of Westchester Country Club, a director of the New York State Club Association, a past president of the Metropolitan Club Managers Association, and an adjunct professor at Cornell University’s School of Hotel Administration.

Florida’s Sandestin Resort, Intrawest’s latest Southern golf purchase

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Intrawest's strategy to take advantage of the similar demographics between the ski and golf markets, especially in terms of second-home purchases by Baby Boomers.

ASC, an Intrawest rival in the North American resort market, operates four golf courses in New England — Sugarbush, Killington and Mt. Snow — all ASC-owned and located in Vermont — and Sugarloaf, which it leases in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. A new course at ASC-owned Sunday River in Bethel, Maine, is in the final permitting stages with the state; Sugarloaf is in negotiations with the town to add a second course; and ASC is "seriously" considering developing an 18-hole course at its ski resort in Attitash in Bartlett, N.H.

Still, all of ASC’s courses are part of what are primarily ski operations. Would the company consider buying or developing golf facilities, especially warm-weather sites, like Intrawest has done in Arizona and Florida?

"We won't rule it out if it presents opportunities for the company," said Richardson. "We have integrated skiing and real estate successfully at our mountain resorts. We wouldn't likely buy golf courses without the ability to integrate real estate... Golf is probably even more of an opportunity for a second-home buying."