**Poa annua control finally within sight**

**By Mark Leslie**

SAN DIEGO — A control for annual bluegrass, or *poa annua*, has been the desire of the golf course industry for at least half a century. Now it appears one has arrived, and the bonus is that it is a natural bacteria.

"If this works as well as it appears, it’s a huge [for the industry]," said Dr. Joe Vargas of Michigan State University about the bacteria *Xanthomonas campestris*.

"When I got into this business in the 1950s we were talking about how to get rid of *poa annua*. Here we are, 40 years later, talking about how to get rid of *poa*. And the market is almost nationwide."

Acutely selective, *Xanthomonas campestris* kills only *poa annua*, not...

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**Purdue embarks on 5-year course research project**

**By Mark Leslie**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — With the help of course architect Pete Dye, multiple donors and a group of students who built it, Purdue University on June 27 will open a golf course that will produce a major five-year study on the effects of golf maintenance on ground and surface water.

Pointing out that environmentalists criticize past corporate-funded studies as biased, Dye said: "What Purdue produces should be the most unbiased report, simply because there is no reason to be biased. Good or bad, no one can argue..."

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