Sugarloaf Golf Club embarks on major upgrade project

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine — Kevin Reis has been named superintendent at Pine Hill Golf Club, Empire Golf's high-end course that opened for limited play in October. It's the first head superintendent job for Reis, 27. "I've actually supervised the construction and growth since December of 2000," he said. "There's no question that playing Pine Hill will certainly be an unforgettable experience for all golfers. It's a tremendous thrill for anyone in this business to become head superintendent for the first time, but it's even more exciting for me considering it's a Tom Fazio-designed, world class course." After earning a degree in turf management from Rutgers University, Reis spent a year at Clinton Country Club (N.J.) before joining Empire Golf as an assistant superintendent at Basking Ridge Country Club in New Jersey.

University of Georgia offers new turfgrass management program

ATHENS, Ga. — The University System of Georgia Independent Study (USGIS) now provides certification in the field of turfgrass management via the Internet. The new program was designed to give even the busiest golf course superintendents a flexible opportunity to earn college-level credit in the field.

The USGIS, in conjunction with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) and the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, has established 10 courses that may be completed by traditional correspondence or via the Internet, allowing students the leeway of taking up to 12 months to complete each course.

Enrollment may begin at any time without examination or transcripts of prerequisites. Students can take one course at a time or several at once.

These courses were developed with the working turfgrass professional in mind," said Keith Karnok, a turfgrass management PhD. Working with Hannes Combest, director of education, and

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Aquarina CC wins Audubon nod

MELBOURNE BEACH, Fla. — Aquarina Country Club, a Charles Ankrum design on a barrier island near here, has been designed as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International. It is the 262nd course in the world and the 36th in Florida to win the prestigious environmental distinction.


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The new label lowers application rates from four pounds of active ingredient per acre to one pound or two quarts per acre, enough to effectively control more than 25 varieties of turf pests. The new rate is not a maximum that can be applied per season. Rather, it is the maximum that can be used during any single application.

**MANY OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

With a competitive market in the insecticide manufacturing and distribution business, superintendents will not be limited in their options. “Dursban may be one of the cheaper insecticides on the market, but most superintendents know there are so many new synthetic pyrethroids available that there won’t be any immediate concern,” said Brian Maloy, an agronomist with the U.S. Golf Association’s Green Section. If superintendents discover that the reduced level of application is inefficient for their needs, he said, alternatives are readily obtainable.

The product works by disrupting the normal nerve transmission by inhibiting an enzyme found in the nervous system of insects. The compound is absorbed into the system where it takes its effect on the pest.

“Dursban Pro is still available for our golf course customers. They can continue to rely on this time-tested product for their insect control needs for many years to come,” said Tony J. Brown, marketing manager for Dow AgroSciences. “In addition, superintendents with supplies of Dursban Pro should read and follow label instructions on their existing stock.”

**SUPERINTENDENT’S VIEWPOINT**

Keith Ihms, CGCS, superintendent of Bent Tree Country Club, in Dallas, Texas, said the most important development is that the golf industry, especially the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), convinced the EPA that the chemical could be safely handled.

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because there are no blades. There’s zero exhaust emissions due to the catalytic afterburning of fuel. And finally, there’s zero waiting time as orders and accounts are settled on-line.

Using cameras and sensors, the computerized car is capable of trimming lawns to established heights with a resolution of one millimeter. The mower has a working width of 150 centimeters, or 59 inches, and uses the recycled grass as part of the lawn’s fertilization.

If there’s enough dealer interest, the company hopes to put the Zero into production in 2002. “The existing retail sector needs to adjust to the demands being prompted by the Zero, otherwise the demand side will create its own service sources,” said Gregor C. Wolf, the CEO of WOLF-Garten. “As a manufacturer, we have a strong interest in the future development of the retail business, so we aim to play an aggressive and constructive part in its reorientation.”

WOLF-Garten is a leading German supplier of gardening supplies and equipment. More information about the company and the Zero mower is available on their website: www.wolf-garten.com.

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staff, especially Debbie Cline, our chemical technician, and Lyne Page, our compliance coordinator, for their assistance and support in helping the facility achieve a successful coexistence with the wildlife on the property.

Aquarina is maintained by International Golf Maintenance (IGM) of Lakeland, Fla., a division of Meadowbrook Golf Group. More IGM properties are expected to follow in Aquarina’s footsteps. According to Cindy Geiger, IGM compliance manager, every one of the more than 40 courses maintained by IGM is enrolled in the Audubon program. IGM contracts with golf courses and country clubs to handle all aspects of turf and grounds maintenance.

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