BRIEFS

LATHAM WINS PIPER AND OAKLEY AWARD
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TURFGRASSES
Since the late 1950s, Penncross creeping bentgrass has dominated the bentgrass market. Even with the newer bentgrasses on the market, Penncross is still the world's top-selling bentgrass, with some 750,000 pounds sold annually. While Penncross still dominates the market, the grass we now play on is one of the biggest changes in greens surfaces. The new "superbents" (As, Gs, L-93, SRI 119, etc.) offer finer texture, greater density, upright character, and improved performance. These new grasses are generally considered by the committee.

NECGSA HONORS KURPOSKA
DELMAR, N.Y. — The Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association (NECGSA) has presented its Distinguished Service Award to James Kurposka, superintendent of Normanside Country Club and Noyack Golf & Country Club. The NECGSA presented Kurposka with the award to recognize his involvement with the NECGSA since 1998.

EPIC ADDS SPANISH TITLES
WEST BEND, Wis. — EPIC of Wisconsin has added two new Spanish titles to its Superintendent's Video Work- shop series of golf course maintenance training programs. Both "The Fine Art of Hand Watering with Paul Latshaw" and "Sun Safety" are now available in English and Spanish.

UMass study determines pesticide exposure figures
By ANDREW OVERBECK
PROVIDENCE, RI. — A University of Massachusetts researcher has completed the first phase of a golf course pesticide study that provides, for the first time, accurate exposure estimates for golfers. The research is significant because it will give the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency realistic human exposure data to use when registering pesticides under the Food Quality and Protection Act (FQPA).

Anthracnose proliferation continues
By ANDREW OVERBECK
As new chemicals to fight anthracnose proliferate, some do the disease. The combination of warm winters, hot summers, lower cutting heights and leaner greens has led to increased outbreaks of anthracnose over the last few years.

"I used to call it a hot-weather phenomenon, but it has become a disease that starts up in the spring," said Dr. Gail Schumann from the University of Massachusetts.

"I need to put a thing on my phone that says, 'If you are calling about anthracnose, press 2,'"

According to Schumann and other turfgrass pathologists, the disease that attacks Poa annua and has even been seen on bentgrass, is becoming more prevalent and more widespread.

Technology permits lower, leaner and faster greens
By KEVIN J. ROSS, CGCS
FAR HILLS, N.J. — Times have changed. At 3/16 inch and producing speeds of seven feet on the Stimpeter. The USGA has done an excellent job in continually reviewing and improving their specifications for greens construction.

Pressures to recycle waste products into landscape fertilizers are high. The Piper and Oakley award was established in 1998 to periodical recognize those who have contributed to the programs and activities of the USGA Green Section. Latham was actively involved in the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee from 1995 to 2002.

 Urschel Turf Grass rootzones.

Concentrated green sand produces the finest conditions. Technology permits lower, leaner and faster greens.

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At a presentation delivered during the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show here March 19, Dr. John Clark outlined the results of the three-year, $250,000 study. The work was sponsored by the USGA, the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, the United States Department of Agriculture, Dow AgroSciences and Bayer.

"The EPA didn't ask us to do it [the study]," said Clark. "The driving issue is they are in the process of reregistering through FQPA and as the industry looks...Continued on page 12

SUPRideas
System refills divot mix bottles with ease
At many clubs it is common practice to have divot mix bottles on golf cars and located on par- 3 teeing areas. One of the biggest problems is efficiently filling these bottles. Some methods, such as the ice scoop, are more of a means of frustration than efficiency.

One way to ease the pain of filling divot bottles is to construct your own divot sand tube filler. There are many ways to make a filling device. The unit I made holds slightly more than three 150-pound bags of mix and can be mounted in many ways. In the photo, the tube sits in a welded square of two-inch angle iron that is...Continued on page 10