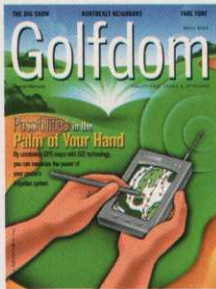


Going Postal

WE'VE GOT MAIL

You Forgot About Us

I must compliment you on your article "Possibilities in the Palm of your Hand" (March).



The article was quite factual and timely.

However, I am disappointed my company, GroundLinkx, was not contacted for contribution to your article. If you type "golf course maintenance gis" into the major Internet search engines, we are No. 8 in Google, No. 3 in Alta Vista and Nos. 5, 7 and 8 in Yahoo. In addition, GroundLinkx is the GIS program that is used by superintendent Kevin West at Olympia Fields (Ill.) CC.

David L. Mikesh, President
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Need for Green Our Own Fault

Superintendents have a lot of people to blame about the perception that completely green turf is better than having some brown, but superintendents are also to blame (Pin High, May).

For example, how many of us enjoy seeing things turn brown in the summer? Part of it is that superintendents do get pressure to keep courses green, but part of it is that many of us have been trained to provide perfect conditions all the time. It also stems from the fact that many of us are perfectionists and cannot tolerate off-color turf ourselves.

In order for things to change, a movement needs to begin somewhere so that totally green

turf is not the norm, and a little brown can be acceptable to golfers.

Jeff Johnson, Superintendent
The Minikahda Club
Minneapolis

Etchells Is a Gem

I really enjoyed the article on Ed Etchells ("Jack's Right-Hand Agronomic Man," May). I had the pleasure of working with Ed on a Nicklaus project in Monroe, N.Y., a few years ago and I learned a lot from him. Etchells is a great source of knowledge and experience, and he's more than willing to share all he knows.

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Battle Over Organics Continues

In reference to your organics article ("Do They or Don't They?," May), we just submitted a manuscript to *Crop Science* in which we found that some organic products actually increased dollar spot. We also evaluated the potential for biostimulants to reduce disease, and none of them were better than low amounts of nitrogen applied every two weeks.

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