Good News, Bad News for Bayer's Nemacur

In February, Rob Kloska, superintendent of Jupiter Island Club in Hobe Sound, Fla., expressed concern that Bayer's Nemacur would soon be taken off the market by the EPA. "I have nematode problems really bad," Kloska said. "[Superintendents] wouldn't be able to make it down here without Nemacur."

For Kloska and other superintendents who use Nemacur to battle nematodes, there's good news and bad news. The good news — they can still purchase and use Nemacur for at least the next three years. The bad news — Bayer will voluntary phase out Nemacur by May 31, 2005.

Nemacur, whose common name is fenamiphos and comes from the organophosphate nematicide chemical family, has been around for more than 20 years. A Bayer spokesperson said the company is already working on a replacement.

A Ball Mark Was Never So Easy to Repair

You can tell your golfers that Danny Edwards has made it easy for them to fix ball marks.

Edwards, a Senior PGA Tour player and CEO of GreenFix Golf in Scottsdale, Ariz., recently introduced the GreenFix Ball Mark Repair Tool, which takes the bending over and straining your back out of fixing a ball mark.

That's because a ball-mark repair took is molded to the cap of a putter grip. Hence, the tool is always with a player who ventures onto a green with his putter. All the player has to do is engage the tool, hold the club face in his hand and repair the ball mark.

"No more excuses," says Shawn Emerson, director of agronomy at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Ariz. "GreenFix gives all golfers the ability to properly repair ball marks. I believe that GreenFix will do for ball marks what alternative spikes have done for spike marks — gone."

We Americans love to have it easy. The GreenFix Ball Mark Repair Tool is up there with the remote control, paying at the pump and pizza delivery. Thanks Danny.