**PCNB on the Way Out?**
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that most uses of Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB), an organochlorine fungicide used to treat snow mold on turf, have been found ineligible for reregistration. This means that fungicides containing PCNB will no longer be available to treat turf if EPA's recommendation takes effect. The EPA's determination is part of its plan to re-evaluate existing pesticides to ensure they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. The EPA announced a public comment period for its Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for PCNB. Comments had to be received on or before Oct. 2.

**Sifford Named Old Tom Morris Winner**
Charles L. Sifford is the recipient of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's most-prestigious honor - the Old Tom Morris - for helping to integrate golf beginning in the 1960s. The 2007 Old Tom Morris Award will be presented at the Feb. 27 opening session of the 2007 GCSAA Educational Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show at the Anaheim Convention Center in California. The GCSAA also selected Pinehurst Resort to receive its 2007 President's Award for Environmental Stewardship.

**Scott Coming “Home” to Nicklaus**
After almost a decade of managing the PGA Tour’s agronomic services, Jon Scott returns to Nicklaus Design to head its worldwide agronomy efforts.

“Coming back to Nicklaus Design is like returning home after an extended time”

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Lakeside, Calif. Clark would make a solid ambassador for responsible water use in golf course maintenance industry.

At the top of his speech, Clark said: “The golf industry is kind of a good news-bad news story when it comes to water. The good news is that we’re very efficient water managers. The bad news is we haven’t done a very good job of spreading the word beyond our own industry. We’ve done a great job of preaching to the choir. But it’s too often that we hear someone interviewed on some program and they say golf courses use a lot of water, like a million gallons a night.”

Sandy Clark says the golf industry has done a great job of preaching to the choir about its water use.

Clark told attendees that golf courses are “very conscious” about how much water they use. Not only that, Clark emphasized that most superintendents know how much water to use and don’t waste it. “We try not to waste a drop,” he added.

Clark told attendees that modern technology, from irrigation central control systems to palm pilots to weather stations to moisture sensors, have enabled superintendents to monitor their water use closely.

“We record our information religiously [at Barona],” Clark said. “We look at every single agronomic issue we can deal with in making good water-use decisions. ... Because what we use today, we have to make sure we’ve left ourselves enough to use tomorrow.”

Eric Anderson, president of Valley Soil Landscape Services and Valley Soil, a water conservation consulting firm, titled his speech, “Change: It Ain’t Easy (But It’s Necessary and Worth It).” His talk focused on educating people to change their watering ways to amplify conservation.

Anderson said he understands that some superintendents are under tremendous pressure to “over-irrigate” their courses to supply golfers with thick, green turf.

“Superintendents have one of the toughest jobs in the world because they have all these inspectors every day,” he said.

Anderson said superintendents in this situation should reduce irrigation incrementally, first in areas outside of the greens and fairways, and monitor the response from golfers. Then they can explore reducing water use in heavily maintained areas. Superintendents also might want to consider planting turf varieties that require less water and upgrading their courses’ irrigation control to save water.

Other speakers touched on myriad topics. Speaker Ed Torres, president of Pro-Active Green Technology Land Development, discussed the benefits of a subterranean irrigation system.

“Tiger would have kicked the hell out of us, too. This guy is the most amazing athlete in any sport, ever.”

— Lee Trevino on Tiger Woods’ game (Cleveland Plain Dealer)

“No one here in the United States knows what is ‘low budget’ on a golf course. In Argentina, the courses I worked on were really low budget.”

— Alejandro Canegallo, former superintendent in Buenos Aires, now a Clemson graduate student

“There are too many courses. The lenders should have stopped lending six or seven years ago. I don’t know what they were thinking.”