Sealsle1 and Sealsle2000 Keep Your Irrigation Options Open

Option A
Streams, Canals, Rivers, Ponds Lakes, Wells & Brackish Water
When irrigated with high quality water, Sealsle 1 produces high quality fairways and roughs and Sealsle 2000 produces top-quality greens. Both also thrive on many medium-to-poor-quality water sources. As with other grasses, Paspalum management will vary depending on water quality, rainfall and season.

Option B
Recycled Water, Gray Water and Effluent Water Sources
Recycled water quality varies by location, season and nutrient content. Depending on the uniformity of your source, you may need to monitor water quality daily, weekly or monthly. Both Sealsle 1 and Sealsle 2000 will do quite well with up to four, five and even eighth thousand TDS.

Option C
Even Blended Ocean Water with Aggressive Management
Fresh water is a must during the grow-in phase for both Sealsle varieties, but mature turf can be irrigated with ocean water/fresh water blends for short periods of time. This requires a comprehensive aeration and leaching program to move excess salts downward through the soil profile.

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SeaIsle2000 Certified Seashore Paspalum for Greens
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Gray Leaf Spot

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there is no highly accurate way to predict when outbreaks will occur, most of those who study the pathogen believe weather to be the major factor in widespread epidemics. As he points out, since 1998 the existing turf has not mutated and neither has the pathogen, so weather is the one factor that must be behind the dormancy.

In 1998 a large section of what Vincelli calls the “humid transition zone” received prolonged periods of hot, humid days with lots of rainfall and warm nights. It proved to be the perfect catalyst for gray leaf spot.

“We haven’t had a season like that in the last few summers,” Vincelli said, adding that other turf stress such as compaction can compound the problem.

To stave off outbreaks, Vincelli said, scouting the turf is the key to identifying a problem as early as possible. He also said it is imperative to have a plan of action in hand so it can be implemented when and if the disease is spotted.

Added Dernoeden, “You have to be prepared to address it.”

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Seashore paspalum

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I remember that I was supposed to be asleep in the back of a white VW microbus sometime in the mid-1970s. But the garbled words emanating from a windowside speaker, the sound of my parents munching popcorn and allure of a giant screen right outside the windshield kept me up, trying to sneak a glimpse at the far-too-mature film playing on said screen at the 81 Drive-In on South Ninth Street in Salina, Kan.

Fast-forward 10 years with my dorky friends crowbarred (no one was game enough to squeeze into the trunk) into my rust-brown 1975 Mustang II headed to the same drive-in for a showdown with Freddy Krueger in “Nightmare on Elm Street.” We figured the nature of the fright night would chase girls into safe, albeit scrappy, teenage arms — and they did, only to guys who weren’t us.

From the dancing sodas at intermissions to double features, the drive-in has been a staple of family nights out and of teenage initiation since Richard Hollingshead opened the first drive-in in Camden, N.J., on Tuesday, June 6, 1933. Since that time, millions of families have brought their own popcorn in grocery sacks, countless teens have necked, and myriad double features have played in fields of film.

By 1950 the places were flourishing, with more than 4,063 drive-ins operating around the country.

The drive-in became such a part of Americana that it routinely showed up in films: from Danny’s unsuccessful courting of Sandy in “Grease” the drive-in destruction in “Twister” and not to discount, the abundance and fun of B-flicks, from “Bikini Drive-In” to “Dead End Drive-In.”

All for the unmitigated and perhaps tawdry pleasures of drive-ins, higher real estate values and the birth of the cineplex have crippled the drive-in industry. After three decades of steady closings, there are but 419 drive-ins screens today. However, there have been seven new drive-ins opened this year and three that have re-opened.

Residents in Ohio (36 drive-ins), Pennsylvania (34) and New York (32) should have the easiest time parking their cars and watching films, and the Web site www.drive-ins.com has a handy zip-code locator to a theater near you.

After the birth of our first son, Jen and I — at one point we were about a movie-a-week couple — ceased heading to the local cineplex, refusing to be “that couple” who took a baby to the movies.

One muggy August night, though, we packed a cooler with sandwiches and sodas and headed to the Boulevard Drive-In in Merriam, Kan., part of metro Kansas City. With a creatively made bed for infant Miles in the back seat, we cringed to the creepy “Signs” and laughed our way through most of “XXX.” I experienced more than a blast of drippy nostalgia that evening, but I also glimpsed a bit of something that I can pass on to my sons — at least until they are teenagers.

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