It is important to avoid treatment when the turf is under heat, drought or wear stress. Early morning or late evening treatments have been most effective. Endothall treated bentgrass turfs possess substantially reduced wear tolerance; thus, application should be avoided five days before intense traffic is expected.

An error in application, such as applying when temperatures are too high or at too high a rate, can result in some foliar burn to the bentgrass. However, the turf readily recovers because endothall has no long term soil residual that can cause toxicity problems for bentgrass, especially the root system.

The specifics on how such a long term endothall program might be used in the United States are not established. The rates and timings may vary slightly depending on the location's specific conditions. Those interested in experimenting with such a program should start on a nursery green with a rate of 1/8 ounce per 1,000 square feet and slowly increase the rate until the bentgrass phytotoxicity rate is established. Annual bluegrass control should be attempted only on greens that contain an adequate stand of bentgrass.

NEW MEMBERS

Pictured below are M.G.C.S.A.'s three newest members who were present at the August meeting at Voyager Village and welcomed into membership at that time. Left to right, they are Melvin Miller of the Miller's Crestwood Golf Club, Class A; Jeff Bond of the St. Cloud Country Club, Class C; and Pat Walton from the Minneapolis Golf Club, Class C. We welcome all three of these gentlemen into our organization and hope they make the most out of all of the valuable services it has to offer.

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