

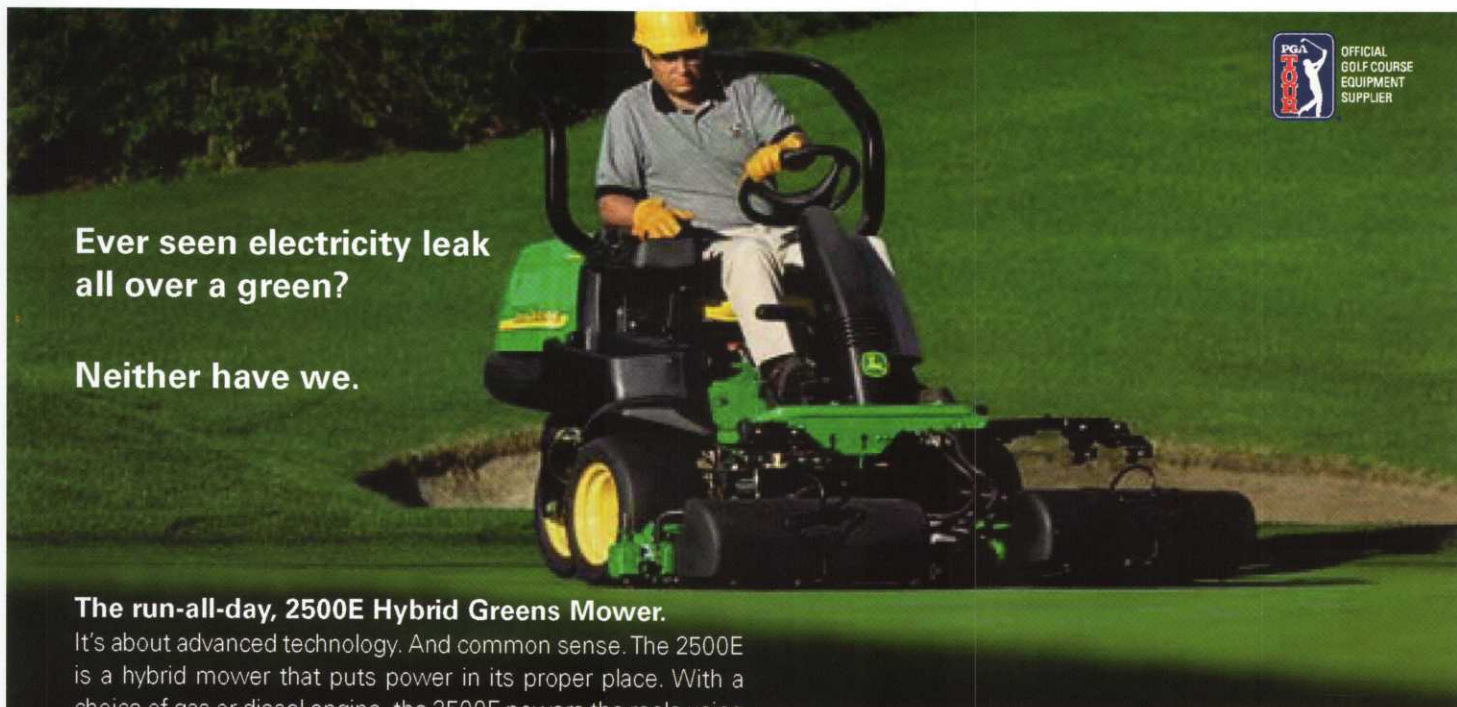
Alternative Turfgrass Species Seminar at Big Fish GC

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Big Fish Golf Club is inviting members of the three regional Golf Course Superintendents Associations to attend a 1-2 day educational event regarding the use of alternative or "low input" turfgrass species on Monday, June 11. The event will only be open to members of the Northern Great Lakes GCSA, the Wisconsin GCSA, and the Minnesota GCSA. Solid details are still being worked out among the three associations; however the date(s) have been agreed upon by all three associations. As one can imagine, it may be a little difficult bringing this event together. However, it will also be quite rewarding in the end. Up to this point the event will consist of a mixer type format on Sunday, June 10; for those interested, perhaps a Muskie Fishing Tournament, and/or a Poker/Blackjack tournament at the LCO Casino located across the street from the golf course, and possibly golf. Again, this would all take place on Sunday. We will have a block of rooms

reserved at the LCO Casino and Lodge with rates to be determined for those interested; however keep in mind lodging may or may not be an issue throughout Hayward for these dates. We will also have a large conference room available at the LCO Casino and Conference Center ready to accommodate well over one hundred people. This will allow us an opportunity to perhaps have some sort of Roundtable Discussion among members who decide to come up Sunday. The above mentioned events will only be for those interested and will most likely cost a minimal amount to be determined at a later date depending upon interest. Please remember we are essentially attempting something that has not been done before and we hope to be able to learn as we go so we can make an effort to make this an annual event for members of all three associations. Monday, June 11 will consist of a panel type format of researchers, agronomists and superintendents who

have experience with "low-input" turfgrasses presenting information including the advantages and disadvantages using these grasses on "Modern American" golf courses. This would likely begin around 8:30 a.m. and would last until around lunch. Lunch would consist of a box-type lunch available at the golf course. Following lunch we will then play golf. Golf will be a Schamble format and will be played from the Tournament tees. The schamble will consist of teams of proportionate members from the three associations. The cost will be \$50 for the education, lunch and golf. The \$50 will be split up to cover cart, education and lunch fees, while the remainder will be dispersed proportionately to each association depending upon the percentage of membership attending. This will be the official monthly chapter meeting for the NGLGCSA and WGCSA and will be eligible for education and service points.



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