

## Research Report (Cont'd)

apply to some of the questions we have locally. In cooperation with the Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course, Dr. Harivandi has established bentgrass varieties. Under the direction of Curtis Black and Chris Gose, the staff at Sunnyvale has maintained the plots for mowing height, fertility and moisture levels. All of the cultural work is performed by the Sunnyvale staff as part of their regular maintenance program. In addition to their volunteer efforts, vendors in the local area have helped with donations and discounts for supplies and materials.

The results of the Bentgrass trials were published in 1995. The completion of the Trials has allowed Dr. Harivandi to use the plots for new research. Current research on the plots involves the use of reclaimed water. Data will be analyzed comparing salt, sodium and chloride levels in the soil with those found in the water source. In addition monitoring will be done monthly for Quality, Color and Density as well as Poa Infestation. These tests are expected to last three years.

Dr. Harivandi also has a number of turf related tests underway at the Santa Clara Field Station. Testing currently being performed includes:

- Characteristics and herbicide tolerance of hard fescue varieties
- Nitrogen and Iron effects on tall fescue
- Zoysiagrass cultivar comparison
- Buffalograss cultivar comparison which includes tolerances to post emergent

### Web Sites:

GCSAA Home Page - <http://www.GCSAA.ORG>

Michigan State University. - <http://www.LIB.MSU.EDU/TGIF>

[www.GCSAA.ORG](http://www.GCSAA.ORG). The USGA has a listing of completed research topics published in the 1995 Turfgrass & Environmental Research Summary. Call Golf House at (908) 234-2300 for information on receiving a copy. Michigan State University has an informational network that can be utilized for a fee. Information on that service can be found at (517) 353-7209. They also have information available on their Home Page, <http://www.LIB.MSU.EDU/TGIF>.

The USGA also has site visits available by staff Agronomists. This service

is provided for a fee and can be very valuable when trying to document problems for presentations to your membership or Board of Directors. The Western Region Office for USGA can be reached at (714) 457-9464. Last and certainly not least, we all have a professional network that allows us to pick up the phone, call another superintendent and ask for their help, confirm a recommendation or just look for some moral support.

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- Crabgrass management study

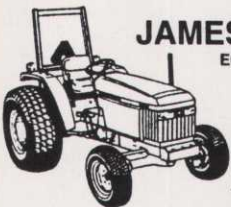
National research can also be accessed through a number of sources. GCSAA has information available through both the Research Department and Information Services. There is work being done currently to update the GCSAA database and information should be available in the coming months on the GCSAA Home Page. Check out their Home Page at <http://>

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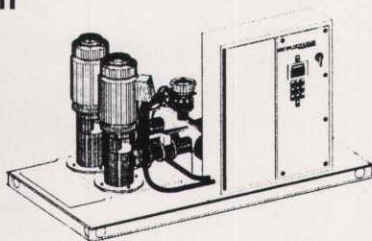
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