



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

**Don Naumann**  
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**Dave Davies has accepted the superintendent position at a new private country club in Hayward. The name of the new facility is Stonebrae Country Club. He is leaving Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. His replacement has yet to be named.....Lonnie Stevens has left his assistant superintendent position at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore to become the new superintendent at Blackhawk CC (Lakeside Course) in Danville..... Don Paul has accepted the superintendent position at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord. Don was the superintendent at DeLaveaga GC in Santa Cruz a few years ago before taking a leave of absence from the industry. Don is replacing Rod Kilcoyne. Rod worked for the City of Concord for 35 plus years before retiring with full city benefits. The City of Concord recently awarded the maintenance contract to Valley Crest and Don will be working with them.....**

### Water-Wise Landscapes

#### *Local landscape pros and vendors to meet*

The Water Awareness Committee of the Monterey Peninsula invites you to attend their Water-wise Landscape Symposium and Expo! This event will be held from 8:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Rancho Canada Golf Course facilities in beautiful Carmel Valley. Learn from and meet local landscape pros who will share information on the latest water saving landscape technology, management practices, and water-wise garden design ideas! Visit the WAC website at [www.waterawareness.org](http://www.waterawareness.org), call (831) 646-4656, or e-mail [plord@mcwd.org](mailto:plord@mcwd.org) for information and attendee or vendor registration.

## Choosing Appropriate Herbicides for Establishing Bermudagrass from Seed

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Bermudagrass continues to be the predominant turfgrass for southern golf course fairways, tees, and rough areas. In the past decade, improved seeded bermudagrass cultivars have been developed that have superior turfgrass quality compared to earlier seeded types and are now being incorporated into many turfgrass situations. When establishing a turfgrass such as bermudagrass from seed, a major concern is the control of weeds during the establishment phase, as excessive weed pressure can lead to delayed establishment and reduced quality.

The objective of research conducted by scientists at the University of Arkansas was to determine the types of herbicides that could be safely used during bermudagrass establishment. The major conclusions from this work included:

- Many of the most common herbicides that are used on mature bermudagrass can also be safely used on bermudagrass seedlings
- Most herbicides were safely applied as early as two weeks after emergence
- Herbicides that caused significant injury to bermudagrass seedlings included diclofop (Illoxan), metsulfuron (Manor), and metribuzin (Sencor). These herbicides should not be used until bermudagrass is fully established
- Herbicides that demonstrated excellent safety on new bermudagrass seedlings included MSMA, quinclorac (Drive), and dicamba
- Sulfonylurea herbicides such as flazasulfuron (Katana), foramsulfuron (Revolver), and trifloxysulfuron (Monument) exhibited excellent safety on seedling bermudagrass

The complete report of this research and many other reports can be found at USGA's Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online (<http://usgatero.msu.edu>). The specific URL for this report is <http://usgatero.msu.edu/v05/n03.pdf>.