Then & Now

1990

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1991

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Turf Project Update

As previously noted in our newsletter, Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course was selected as the site for a Bent grass Trial Study project by Dr. Ali Harivandi. The site which was chosen in located behind the twelfth and thirteenth tee. Three plots measuring 60’ x 100’ each were sited with the entire plot measuring 220’ x 110’. One plot is sand base with the other two plots native soil. After conferring with Dr. Harivandi and Ted Moore of Shelton Transfer Service, Inc., it was decided to use Olympia #125, #30 mesh sand. The sand was to be sat 12’ depth with the total amount used to be approximately 246 tons. The native soil plots were amended with redwood fir bark. Nutrients were then determined and incorporated into the plots. The sand plot was amended with 140 pounds of superphosphate and 70 pounds of gypsum. This corrected a high pH problem experienced previously during reconstruction on our new greens at Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course. The native soil plots were treated with starter fertilizer, Hydroprill 15-15-15. The border between and around the plots were outlined in Savannah Rye Sod. Anticipating an irrigation renovation to our system, we designed the plots with Toro 660 Series Valve-in-Heads. Again, we would like to thank Ted Moore for the sand and amendments; Pacific Sod for the Rye Sod; Mike Ginnelli, West Star for the irrigation heads, Craig Stenehjem from R.V. Cloud for the PVC Pipe. This is the most complete set of bent grass trials anywhere in the United States. January 1991 is the first month the trials have been rated. They will be rated once a month for the next three years. A field day is planned for the summer of 1991, for all to come and see the plots and to monitor their progression. Keep reading this newsletter for the dates.

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Now

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