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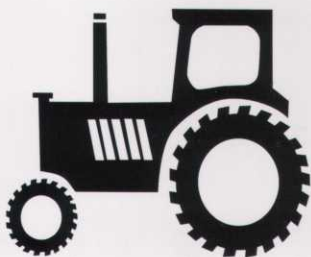
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Dr. Harry Niemczyk's Recipe for Stopping Raccoon Damage

Do you have areas of turf that have been or are still being torn up by raccoons feasting on grubs under the sod? (Remember, raccoons also relish earthworms!) If so, I suggest the following: re-lay the damaged sod ASAP, pack it down, and apply MILORGANITE over it. In order to further discourage the mess, treat outside the damaged area as well. Based on my experience, the fertilizer will help the turf recover, and the raccoons/skunks will not return to further damage the site. Try it and let me know if it worked or not. Niemczyk.1@osu.edu

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Election at Annual Meeting in February 2007 **Candidates set for GCSAA Board of Directors**

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has announced the official slate of candidates for its 2007 elections. Voting members will elect three officers and three directors at the 2007 Annual Meeting, Friday, February 23rd, held in conjunction with the 2007 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show, February 19th through 24th, in Anaheim, CA.

The following individuals will appear on the ballot:

FOR PRESIDENT:

- Ricky D. Heine, CGCS, General Manager and Director of Grounds at The Golf Club Star Ranch in Austin, TX

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

- David S. Downing II, CGCS at Rivers Edge Golf Club in Shallotte, NC

FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER:

- James R. Fitzroy, CGCS, Director/Superintendent at Wollaston Recreational Facility/Presidents Golf Club in North Quincy, MA
- Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, Director of Grounds at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ

FOR DIRECTOR (ELECTING THREE):

- Keith A. Lhms, CGCS at Country Club of Little Rock in Little Rock, AR
- John C. Miller, CGCS at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace in Centerville, OH
- Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, director of golf course and grounds at Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton, FL
- Roger M. Ruff, CGCS at Mountain Dell Golf Course in Salt Lake City, UT

Timothy T. O'Neill, CGCS at the Country Club of Darien, CT is retiring from the board of directors after serving the last year as immediate past president. Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS at Wildhorse Resort & Casino on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon, will serve on the board for one year as immediate past president. Sanford G. Queen, CGCS, Manager of Golf Operations for the city of Overland Park, KS and Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS, Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, both enter the second year of their terms as directors.

GCSAA EDUCATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register for the GCSAA Education Conference to reserve a seat in the education seminars of your choice. A brochure detailing the February 2007 conference and show in Anaheim, CA was mailed with the October issue of GCM. You also can find extensive information online at www.golfindustryshow.com

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Callippe Preserve and Rancho del Pueblo Golf Courses have achieved designation as "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International. They are the 43rd and 44th courses respectively in California to receive the honor. Dave Davies, CGCS led the effort to obtain sanctuary status at Callippe and Alan Andreasen, CGCS led the effort at Rancho.

"Both Rancho del Pueblo and Callippe Preserve have shown a strong commitment to their environmental programs. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on their golf course property," said Jeremy Taylor, Staff Ecologist for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs. CourseCo, Inc. manages operations at Callippe and Rancho and has alone certified 11 of the 44 certified sanctuary courses in California

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A GLORIOUS DAY AT SONOMA GOLF CLUB

balls, and other items (including a flagstick that barely fit into President Gill's vehicle) were gathered...and by now, the equipment has made its way to grateful recipients.

It's the subtle things, like a used golf club drive for soldiers, which make me proud to be a part of this association. The simple willingness to help out others through charitable gestures, often creates profound results.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone who added to the success of the day, including Host Superintendent Mat Dunmyer and his staff, Head Golf Professional John McMullin, Program Committee Liaison Todd Lyijynen, Superintendent, Diablo Country Club, Speaker Major General Charles Swannack, Jr., and Sponsor Representative Neil Woolner of Arborwell. It's a day that will be long remembered.

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