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## Grab Bag

### Grubs best when not too gritty

Most of us have battled white grubs, but how many of us have considered eating them? One person who has is Dr. Dave Shetlar, or so he says.

"People get real nervous when I serve cocktail shrimp," says Shetlar.



The turf and landscape entomologist with The Ohio State University Extension refers to grubs as "land shrimp."

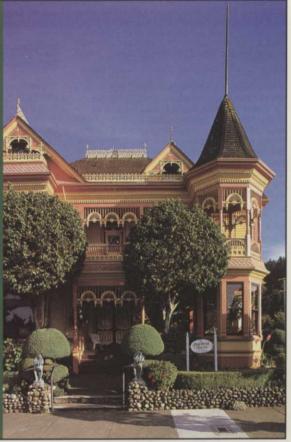
Says Shetlar, "most people get real nervous when I serve cocktail shrimp." He recommends third instar grubs which he describes as "big, fat and sassy." If you don't want your grub snack gritty, put them, alive of course, in sawdust for a day or two before serving, jokes Shetlar.

Shetlar and Dr. Harry Niemczyk recently co-hosted the annual "Grub Dig" near Wooster, Ohio.

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### Looks good enough to eat...but please resist

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the Hartford Police Department. Local television crews
were called out (to interfere,
of course).

Laflamme supervised three control options. The first, exploding shells that created a ruckus not unlike M-80 firecrackers on the Fourth of July, did not work.

"They scared them," says Guido, "but they would come right back."

The third option was to haul out firearms and begin plucking the crows from the trees, one by one. Fortunately, it never got to that ("Nobody wanted to do that," Guido notes).

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- 28 🗆 10 EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATOR: President, Owner, Partner, Director, General Manager, Chairman of the Board,
- Purchasing Agent, Director of Physical Plant

  9 □ 20 MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENT: Arborist, Architect, Landscape/Ground Manager, Superintendent, Foreman, Supervisor

  30 □ 30 GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL: Government Commissioner, Agent, Other Government Official

  11 □ 40 SPECIALIST: Forester, Consultant, Agronomist, Pilot, Instructor, Researcher, Horticulturist, Certified Specialist

  32 □ 50 OTHER TITLED AND NON-TITLED PERSONNEL: (please specify)

- 3. SERVICES PERFORMED: (check ALL that apply)
- 33 A Mowing 41 I Landscape/Golf Design
  34 B Turf Insect Control 42 J Turf Weed Control
  35 C Tree Care 43 K Paving, Deck & Patio Installation
  36 D Turf Aeration 44 L Pond/Lake Care
  37 E Irrigation Services 45 M Landscape Installation
  38 F Turf Fertilization 46 N Snow Removal
  39 G Turf Disease Control 47 O Other (please specify)
- 40 H Ornamental Care
- 4. WHAT IS YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET FOR EQUIPMENT. CHEMICALS, SUPPLIES? (please check one)
- 51 4 \$250,001-500,000 49 2 \$50,000-\$100,000 50 3 \$100,001-\$250,000 52 5 More than \$500,000
- 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 176 177 178 179 180 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 170 171 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 256 257 258 259 260 261 148 149 150 151 152 153 154

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