

THE RIGHT GRASS SEED FOR EVERY NEED

The age of specialization has invaded the turfgrass business making it possible to fine-tune the grass seed combination that you plant or request from your sod grower.

Is the seed mix for a home, golf course, playground? Is it in the north, south or somewhere in the middle area of the United States? Does the ground tend to be highly acid, is there plenty of water, will little or no maintenance be required? Is the turf going to be mowed low, is it going to be in areas that are quite shady?

Jacklin Seed Company, one of the world's largest producers of Kentucky bluegrass as well as many other grasses, works with many companies throughout the United States in testing, developing, and growing different varieties of turfgrass seeds that meet specific needs of many areas and climates.

Fylking Kentucky bluegrass is a good example. The company has been seeking a low-growing, fine-textured grass that would perform well under a variety of conditions. Fylking fits the bill and has since become a standard to be included in most turfgrass mixtures. Jacklin's followed that with production of Glade Kentucky bluegrass, an excellent turfgrass that does well even in up to 60% shade. Another grass that has proven its mettle in areas of low maintenance and minimum moisture is Reubens Canada bluegrass. Reubens is proving to be a leader in both environmental and reclamation areas.

But even as the established grasses settle in to make their contributions, new varieties are being developed to make the landscape architect's job of naming specific types for various uses even easier. Some of the new releases include a new redtop called Streaker, particularly suited to high acid conditions and a low-maintenance transition zone between north and south is Birka. Two more comers are Ram I, a moderately low-growing Kentucky bluegrass well proven on golf courses and athletic fields, and Eclipse, a remarkable new variety that does well in both sun and partial shade.

Another delightful addition to the galaxy of choices for the designers is Pinto which is blended in a northern or southern mix complete with copious amounts of wild flowers. This is especially good for roadsides, golf course roughs, industrial and landfill sites where mowing isn't required or possible.

The horizon is bright with elite grasses that meet the demands of use but have fewer disease problems and require less fertilizer and maintenance.

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YOU KNOW IT'S A BAD DAY WHEN...

...you turn on the morning news and they're displaying emergency routes out of the city.

or, your boss tells you not to take off your coat.

or, the bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.

or, your horn goes off accidentally and gets stuck when you're following a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.

or, when your Income Tax Refund check bounces.

or, when the 60 Minutes news team is waiting for you in your office.

or, when your only son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

THOMPSON NAMED EDUCATION DIRECTOR

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL--As plans proceed toward restructuring of the National Golf Foundation, executive director Don A. Rossi announced three major changes in headquarters staff responsibilities.

Annette Thompson, currently the women's golf coach at Penn State University, will become the Foundation's director of educational services effective Sept. 1.

A native of Pinehurst, NC, Ms. Thompson coached two Penn State teams to undefeated seasons in dual meet competition. Her teams also won the EAIWA championship eight of the last 10 years, with five individual champions. She has given numerous golf lessons, with her instructional pieces appearing in journals such as **Florida Golfweek** and **Golf Digest**. She has been an NGF resource consultant since 1979.

Ms. Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1966, and a Master of Science degree from Smith (MA) College in 1971. She is a Class A LPGA teaching professional.

In other developments concerning headquarters staff, Mr. Rossi said that Harry Eckhoff will be director of golf facility development. As the Foundation's East Coast director for many years, Eckhoff is well suited for his new duties of fielding all golf course operational queries and monitoring the activities of NGF regional personnel.

Mark Boorman, an assistant to Eckhoff in information services, becomes NGF's new director of communications. Boorman will be responsible for publications and news releases, and act as editor for the monthly **Golf Market Report** and the annually revised **Golf Operations Handbook**.

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MOWER SAFETY

- When starting the engine, stand away from the mower and make sure the blade cannot make contact with your feet.
- Push the "walk behind" mowers across slopes, not up and down. This will keep the mower from sliding back into your feet and will keep you from slipping and falling into the mower. But if you use a "riding" mower, go up and down slopes for better stability.
- Do not mow wet grass because it causes clogging.
- When unclogging the discharge chute, make sure the engine is off. Disconnect the spark plug wire to prevent the motor from accidentally starting.
- If your power mower does not have a grass-catching bag, make sure it has a deflector plate to direct the discharge toward the ground.
- Keep an eye out for children, especially when you are making turns or putting a riding mower in reverse.
- Do not carry passengers.
- Before starting a riding mower, shift into neutral to keep the machine from "lurching."
- Avoid walking in front of the discharge chute. It may turn out to be as dangerous as strolling through a firing range.
- Even if you leave your mower for a moment, stop the engine. Curious children may investigate the machine while you're gone.

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