

(On Course With the President continued)

It's all about sharing accurate information and keeping the correctness of the issue at the forefront. Accuracy is of paramount importance and being very familiar with the early conclusions of the GCSAA Mortality study. People will ask, we know they will, and well they should. My phone has already been ringing, "About that Superintendents study???"

Prepare yourselves well for the onslaught of questions, know your material and it's content, and have some salient thoughts in mind.

So ... may the gentle rains of Spring bring on the warming and nourishment of the good earth. And may the grass grow lush and verdant and those many shades greener, and may we all have better thoughts of golf as the days brighten on the influx of the warm, soft rains ...

I wonder, to what extent Thoreau pondered golf and golf courses ... mortality studies ..., and such.

I think I'll go ponder things for a while on the practice tee.
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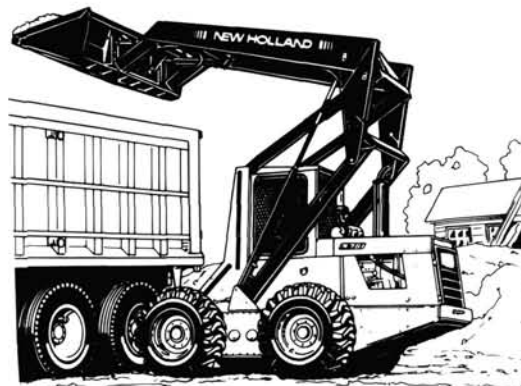
A Useful Tool

by Bruce Williams

A useful tool I have used for dealing with members' lawns and friends that have questions about their turf is a simple and inexpensive soil test. I don't use this for the golf course but it works well for the homeowner. The test is called the Lawn and Garden Soil Diagnosis Kit and is available through The Soil Doctor, 106 N. Cecil St., Bonduel, WI 54107. The phone number is (715) 758-2178. The cost for the soil test is \$10 and they will send you some empty containers for testing if you ask. Once again, I think this test is fine for the homeowner and covers all of the basics. If you want testing for Calcium-Magnesium, Boron, Manganese, Sulfur, or Zinc there is an additional charge of \$3 per nutrient per sample. There is also an additional \$10 charge for soil composition % sand, silt, and clay. So if you are looking for something simple with pH, potassium, phosphorus, lime requirements, and fertility recommendations then this is your simple answer.

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