

It's in the Tag


Want to raise funds for the MAGCS and The GCSAA Foundation's "Investing in the Beauty of Golf" campaign?

Turf-Seed, Inc. and Tee-2-Green have pledged to contribute 50 cents for every Turf-Seed variety or mixture "blue tag" and \$1 for every Tee-2-Green Penn Pals variety or mixture "blue tag" sold to and turned in by GCSAA members over the next five years. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the

tags will benefit the affiliated chapter (in our case, the MAGCS) as an unrestricted gift from Turf-Seed/Tee-2-Green and 50% will benefit The GCSAA Foundation's campaign. Distributions will occur annually for the next five years beginning in February of 2000. Any seed with the qualifying "blue tag" purchased after January 1, 1999, qualifies for the rebate program.

To participate in this program and raise money for the

MAGCS and the "Investing in the Beauty of Golf" campaign, redeem qualified "blue tags" by mailing them to The GCSAA Foundation, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049. Include your name and the name of our chapter with your tags so funds can be properly allocated.

If you have any further questions, please contact The GCSAA Foundation by calling 1-800-472-7878, ext. 465. 

GCSAA Government Relations Action Alert!

The 1996 Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) dramatically changed the way pesticides in this country are evaluated for risk. This law requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate and determine the risk of 10,000 chemicals over the next 10 years.

The EPA has begun this safety assessment but unfortunately is using "assumptions" and "models of pesticide use" instead of real data! Two important classes of chemicals are under scrutiny right now at the EPA—organophosphates (products such as Dursban) and carbamates (products such as Turcam).

What can you do to make sure the EPA implements the FQPA fairly and reasonably? Write, call or e-mail your U.S. representative in Congress to sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 1592, "The Regulatory Fairness and Openness Act of 1999." H.R. 1592 supports the fundamental

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do is change the standards used to evaluate pesticides—pesticides still must meet rigorous safety standards specified by the FQPA. However, H.R. 1592 mandates that the EPA use reliable, accu-

rate data, rather than anecdotal information or "worst case" theoretical assumptions in performing evaluations.

Passing H.R. 1592 in Congress may help save valuable golf course pesticides. Writing, calling or e-mailing your U.S. representative is your first step. If you need help identifying and getting contact information for your U.S. representative, or would like additional information on H.R. 1592, please call Carrie Riordan at 1-800-472-7878, ext. 610 (e-mail at criordan@gcsaa.org) or Chava McKeel at 1-800-472-7878, ext. 619 (e-mail at cmmckeel@gcsaa.org).

To help the GCSAA track which members of Congress have been contacted, please forward copies of any correspondence you send or receive regarding H.R. 1592 to the GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049-3859. 