



In last month's issue, we incorrectly identified Sharon Riesenbeck as Sharon Resetich. Thank you, Sharon, for setting me straight—and for a very tasty reminder, I might add.

Having played on Orchard Valley's PERFECT greens after having just completed core-aerating my own greens led me to think long and hard about this miserable procedure, and the result of that session in the think-tank was nearly a religious experience that yielded the following Ten Commandments of Fall:

1. *Thou shalt not commit core-aeration.*
2. *Thou shalt topdress more often in order that thou need not core-aerate.*
3. *Thou shalt strike the name "hollow tines" from all pillars,*

kiosks, steles, sarcophagi, pyramids and purchase orders so that thou canst be tempted by the serpent called Greens Aire.

4. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's core-aerated greens—they art his problem.*
5. *Thou shalt not cast angst upon thy technicians nor thy golfers by core-aerating.*
6. *Thou shalt not steal cores from thy greens.*
7. *Thou shalt not lie by extolling the virtues of core-aerating.*
8. *Thou shalt henceforth consider the day after Labor Day to be the Sabbath, and thou shalt rest on the Sabbath and not core-aerate.*
9. *Thou shalt not worship pagan idols such as "side eject" and "carbide-tipped."*
10. *Thou shalt apply these Commandments to thy greens and love thy greens—thou canst do as thou wishes with thy tees and fairways.*

It appears that the end of the line for methyl bromide may be further away than previously thought—at a recent conference in Montreal, representatives from the U.S. EPA and other

U. S. groups defended the need for the continued use of the pesticide and soil fumigant among various sectors of agriculture, including its use on golf courses. Keep tuned—you may still get those perfect, *Poa*-free greens yet.

You should have received your GCSAA 2004 Conference and Show packet by now, so don't delay in making your plans to attend this winter's extravaganza in San Diego, California. Once again, MAGCS will be hosting a hospitality suite—particulars will be passed along as the arrangements are solidified.

Soon to be of help to us northerners: GCSAA has made available a frost-delay information packet that graphically demonstrates the ill effects of treading on frosty turf. Call Member Services at 800-472-7878 to order yours. By the way, it'll cost you \$30 per packet, or \$15 for a "mini packet."



A SNEAK PEEK

51st Midwest Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah C.C. November 5, 2003

(Times/speakers subject to change.)

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| 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. | MAGCS Annual Meeting |
| 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. | Break |
| 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. | Don Fehrenbacher, USDA NRCS and Mark Bramstedt: "Soil Surveys and New Technologies and Special Problems" |
| 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Scott Witte, CGCS, Cantigny Golf Club |
| 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. | Tom D'Avello, USDA NRCS: "Geographic Information Systems and Analysis" |
| 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. | Jim Keith, CGCS, St. Charles Country Club |
| 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. | Presentation of Ray Gerber and Fred Opperman Editorial Awards |
| 11:45 - 12:00 p.m. | Don Ferreri, Seven Bridges Golf Club: GCSAA Chapter Delegate Update |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. | Michael Boehm, Ohio State University: "Microbiology of Soils, Products and Techniques" |
| 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. | Tony Kalina, Prairie Landing Golf Club |
| 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. | David Kaplan, WGN: Keynote Address |
| 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. | Break |
| 3:00 p.m. | Election of Officers |
| 3:30 p.m. | Adjournment |