

larly for sports fields though I also think that it could have some golf course applications. The grass has very good drought tolerance as most Bermudas do. What I really noticed is how tight this grass is.

The stolons do not get leggy like 419 can. The grass looks as good at the beginning of the season as it does at the end. It can take the abuse of the kids playing the games and it still looks great.

I think that because it is so tight it doesn't damage easily.

Perhaps FloraTex's greatest asset is its ability to resist the cold and stay green. The field is unprotected and susceptible to the wind. I've noticed that the fields turn off-color later and they green up faster than my golf course.

It has been very interesting managing this new grass. I would recommend it for any sports turf use. FloraTex should be given a chance on sports fields and common areas.

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Earn While You Learn

Some of the most consistent advice that successful superintendents offer over and over again is to "never stop learning," "learn something new every day," "the more you know the more you grow."

Here is the latest schedule of university-level regional seminars to be held in Florida for the remainder of the year. If you can't travel far, these seminars will provide great information for your personal and professional growth and development and also meet CEU recertification requirements for certified superintendents.

1997 GCSAA Regional Seminar Schedule in Florida

August 6, 1997. "Enhancing Your Value as a Professional Golf Course Superintendent" at the Palm Beach Holiday Inn. Co-hosted by the Palm Beach GCSA.

September 4, 1997 "Lake and Aquatic Plant Management" Tampa Convention Center or Hyatt Regency. Co-hosted by the FGCSA on the day before the opening of the Florida Turfgrass Association Conference.

November 20 & 21, 1997 "Managing People for Peak Performance and Job Satisfaction" at the Royal Caribbean Resort. Co-hosted by the Central Florida GCSA (first two-day seminar!).

December 4, 1997 "Improving your Negotiating Skills" at The Meadows. Co-hosted by the North Florida GCSA.

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The (+) icon identifies those correspondence courses that fulfill requirements for the six specializations in the GCSAA Environmental Management Program.

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This correspondence course will help you understand and comply with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, which may affect your golf course maintenance op-

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eration. You will also receive instructions on developing a chemical emergency preparedness plan specific to your workplace. Tips on crisis communication round out this course. Continuing education units 1.4 Code # 30150 \$100 member/\$150 nonmember

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Personal Protective Equipment for Pesticide Applicators (+)

This course provides EPA-approved information regarding the use, care and cleaning of personal protective equipment (PPE). Examples provide pesticide label interpretation, as well as worksheets, to help organize label requirements. This information will also help employers who fall under the EPA's Worker Protection Standard. Continuing education unit .7 # 30275 \$100 member/\$150 nonmember

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FGCSA Spring Seminar

Education For Us and the Kids that ride the Yellow Bus

BY DARREN DAVIS

*Golf Course Superintendent
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The EGCSA Spring Seminar was held Friday, April 25 at the beautiful, peaceful La Playa Beach Resort in Naples. The event was co-sponsored by the FGCSA and the FTGA. An outstanding lineup of speakers was on hand to give the audience of over 80 a very educational experience.

Six continuing education credits were granted for state pesticide license renewal

and .5 CEU's for GCSAA recertification. The funds raised in this event will once again be used to support local schools in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools — a program cosponsored by the GCSAA to help educate the youth on the environment.

The first on the list of speakers was Ken Mangum, CGCS, Atlanta Athletic Club and GCSAA director. The title of his presentation was, "The Golf Course Superintendent as a Professional." Ken informed the audience that he felt there were five areas to determine if you are a professional: attitude, performance, knowledge, image, and polish or "style." Ken began the presentation discussing these five areas.

To help illustrate the first one, attitude, he told a story of two boys who had gone to see a psychologist. The boys were put into separate rooms, each with a two-

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