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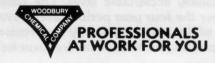
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# **GOLF TURF NEWS**

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# The Importance Of Proper Turf Irrigation

Irrigation practices are a vital component of the overall golf course turf management program. There are numerous important factors which comprise turf irrigation practices, but in Florida one of the most critical irrigation factors is the quantity of water applied. Florida turf is subjected to numerous deficiencies because our sand soils have low water and nutrient holding capacities. These problems can be enhanced or reduced through irrigation practices.

Studies recently concluded at the Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center have examined the effects of irrigation on bermudagrass growth and nitrogen leaching. One of the studies evaluated the overall turf quality as influenced by irrigation during a four year period. One set of plots received daily irrigation and the other set of plots received irrigation on an 'as-needed basis' which was determined by tensiometers buried in the soil. Within each of the irrigation plots were sub-plots of dry granular applied ammonium nitrate or sulfurcoated urea. The plots were maintained under conditions similar to those on Florida golf course fairways. The turf plots were periodically rated for color on a 1 to 9 scale, with 9=best and 6=minimally acceptable.

The overall effect of water received by the plots can be seen in Table 1. During the wet season (June-October), rainfall combined with irrigation methods produced turf with significantly different appearances. The best turf resulted when irrigation was only applied as needed by the tensiometers. Daily irrigation and rainfall during the wet season resulted in excessive amounts of water being applied to the turf and caused poor turf due to fertilizer leaching. By limiting the water to only what the plant needs for growth, leaching can be minimized. In the dry season (November-May), both methods for scheduling irrigation worked equally well. This indicated neither method was supplying excessive amounts of water to the turf, since color ratings for both treatments were above the minimally acceptable level. The tensiometer treatment over the four year period saved between 42 and 95 percent of the water applied by conventional daily irrigation, depending on the rainfall frequencies and amounts.

The irrigation method can also influence the performance of nitrogen sources as shown in Table 2. During the wet season no difference in turf color was noted between the water soluble (ammonium nitrate) and the slow-release (sulfur-coated urea) nitrogen sources. The main effect as indicated in Table 1 was the difference in water applied to the plots in the wet season. During the dry season there were performance differences between the nitrogen sources. The best turf was produced with sulfur-coated urea and daily irrigation. The other treatments produced turf with similar appearance. However if one considered the cost of water and fertilizer, the plots that received irrigation on an as needed basis and the water soluble nitrogen source probably were just as acceptable as the other treatments.

The general conclusion that can be drawn from this study is that we can grow turf with less water than many people think. By exploiting rainfall as much as possible, we can reduce the amount of irrigation that is applied to turf. Also by more carefully managing the irrigation, we can reduce nitrogen leaching and get better results from the cheaper, water soluble sources of nitrogen.

Table 1. Effects of irrigation method on turf color ratings during different seasons of the year.

	Color Rating		
Irrigation Method	Wet Season	Dry Season	
Daily	6.7 a	7.1 a	
Tensiometer	7.7 b	7.0 a	

Values followed by the same letter are not significantly different.

Table 2. Effects of irrigation method and nitrogen source on the color rating of bermudagrass turf during the seasons.

	TAKE TAKES BEEN A TILES	Color Rating	
Irrigation Method	Nitrogen Source	Wet Season	Dry Season
Daily	Sulfur-Coated Urea	6.8 a	7.4 a
Daily	<b>Ammonium Nitrate</b>	6.5 a	6.9 b
Tensiometer	Sulfur-Coated Urea	7.6 a	7.0 b
Tensiometer	<b>Ammonium Nitrate</b>	7.8 a	7.0 b

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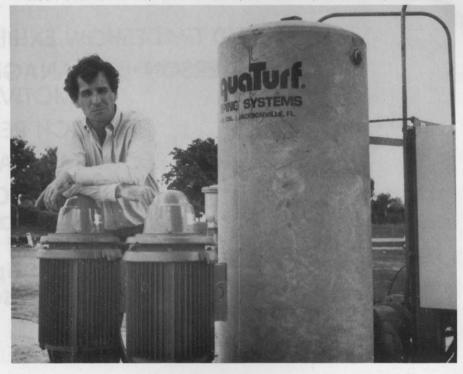
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#### Sunnyland Corporation Celebrates Birthday

On July 14, 1984, Sunniland Corporation based in Sanford, Florida, will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Actually formed as a chartered company under the name of Chase & Company, on May 14, 1884 by S.O. Chase, Sr. and Josh C. Chase. Sunniland has been a locally owned operation except for a brief period from 1979 to March of 1982 when it was owned by Reichold Ltd. of Canada and the name was changed to Sunniland Corporation, however in March of 1982, Lee. P. Moore purchased Sunniland from Reichold Ltd.

The company now has 6 building materials warehouses located throughout the state, distributing wholesale building materials and a fertilizer and chemical plant located at Five Points in Sanford, distributing and manufacturing Sunniland fertilizer and garden supplies over the state of Florida and to other Southern States.

Sunniland's corporate offices were located at 2nd and Oak avenues in Sanford for many years. After Mr. Moore's acquisition he moved the corporate offices to Five points where the fertilizer and chemical plants were already located. In July 1983, the Sanford based building materials department relocated to the Five points location as well. Now the Sanford based departments are all located in one beautiful setting at Five points.

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The Palm Beach Chapter Golf Course Superintendents' Association held its third annual Future of Golf Tournament at The Golf and Racquet Club at Eastpointe on May 5th. 152 players challenged Gary Grump's immaculate golf course in a 4-man scramble, with Boca Grove's Steve Pearson, Roger Gamblin, Walt and Earl Christensian taking top honors with a 14-under par 56.

As its name implies, the purpose of the Future of Golf Tournament is to raise money for organizations which enhance and preserve the future of the game of golf. This year's proceeds, which totalled nearly \$6800, will go to the Palm Beach County Jr. Golf Association, the FTGA research fund, and the Palm Beach Jr. College golf team.

The success of this outstanding tournament is the result of the cooperation, hard work, and dedication of many individuals. Our special thanks to Tournament Director and host Superintendent Gary Grump and his staff; Director of Golf Bob Komarinetz; Head Golf Professional Donnie Schultz; Food and Beverage Manager Allan Herrmann; General Electric Credit Corp. and the members of The Golf and Racquet Club at Eastpointe for allowing us the use of their superb golfing facility.

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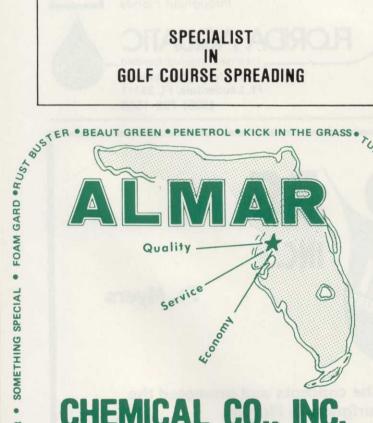
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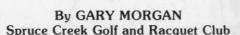
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# Central Florida President

Joel Jackson, President of the Central Florida Golf As President of the Central Florida Chapter Joel Course Superintendents Chapter, is Superintendent at Walt Disney World's Lake Buena Vista Golf Course. The Lake Buena Vista course is the site of the Crowfoot Open Golf Tournament and also hosts with the other Disney courses, The Walt Disney World Classic, held in Mid-October and it is also a PGA Tour stop.

Joel's background is unique and indicates a hard working individual who wants to excel in all facets of the Golf Management Business.

Joel received his BA degree in Geology from the University of South Florida, then attended 1-1/2 years of graduate school at the University of South Florida again majoring in Geology. He served in the United States Coast Guard before starting his career in Golf Management, while at Apollo Beach G.C. in Tampa, he worked on the crew to build and plant the course. Joel then helped with golf course design and construction with "Ecologolf." He then worked for Pembrook Lake C.C. as a foreman for one year, before coming to work for Walt Disney World. He started at Disney as an hourly employee and has worked his way up to his present position of Superintendent.

has many goals that he hopes to accomplish as President. Joel believes that an important item in the chapter is increased participation from all members.

He will try to visit a lot of the courses in the chapter area that don't belong to the chapter. Through this he wants to upgrade the professionalism and the Superintendents image which he hopes will promote a more friendly atmosphere to expand the membership in the chapter.

Joel is a fine example of the modern Superintendent. In the Golf Management Business world we all need to follow Joel's example to better our profession.

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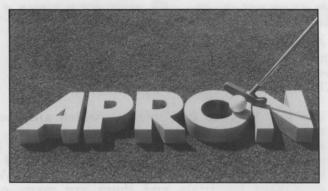
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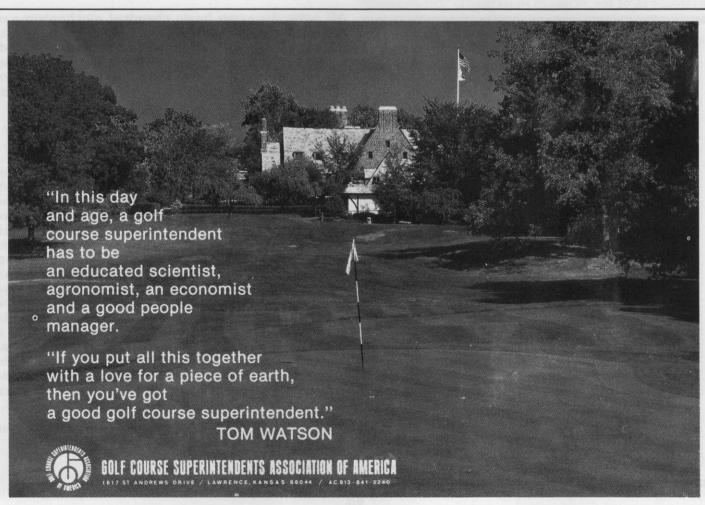
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# "What's The Difference Anyway"

**By ROBERT A. MOORE** Aquatrols Corp. of America talk given at Temple Terrace Country Club, Tampa, FL, 4/19/83

I really appreciate this opportunity to clear away some of the confusion that often surrounds the sale and use of wetting agents.

I want to replace the "Miracles and Mystery" with Results and Reasons.

In addition I hope to leave you with enough information to make you a "Wise Buyer" of these materials.

The First point of confusion seems to be the use of so many different names - adjuvant, surfactant, spreader, sticker, penetrant, wetting agent and so forth.

Let's look at these names and explain their meaning, use, and relationship to each other.

The first name to define is adjuvant. This is the most general of all the terms. The chemical dictionary definition states: "A subsidiary ingredient or additive in a mixture which contributes to the effectiveness of the primary ingredient." So anything you add to your treatment - which are usually sprays - and as long as it increases the performance, that product is an ADJUVANT. One example would be a chelating material that can improve a chemical's availability. Another would be surfactant materials and there are many other cases.

In your field of work, spraying chemicals, most of general term, and covers a multitude of materials.

There are three categories of surfactants:

- 1) Detergents
- 2) Emulsifiers
- 3) Wetting Agents

All have the same basic chemical mechanism and differ chiefly in their behavior as a result of the nature of the surface or surfaces treated. In addition to these behavioral differences, where living tissues are involved, as they are in your field of work, you must also consider the effect of various surfactant types on phyotoxicity.

At this point let me give you a little demonstration:

#### -Demonstration-

"An adjuvant, in this case a surfactant, that contributes to the effectiveness of the primary ingredient." This example: Better wetting by the Water! For this demonstration, actually all types of surfactant material would work - some more than other. So don't be lead astray by simple demonstrations alone. Demonstrations do prove a point; that water can be changed and your programs can be made more effective. But you must also remember that you have to consider toxicity to the plant as well as that part of the definition made earlier: "Surfactants behavior differ chiefly as a result of the nature of the surface or surfaces involved." I want to again emphasize that the main point is that the water has been changed. By use of these materials one can improve the effectiveness of your sprays, your fertilizing, and your waterings.

Each of these categories of surfactants can further be separated into:

- (1) Anionic
- (2) Cationic and (3) Non-Ionic

the adjuvants you would use would fall in the class of SURFACTANTS. The word surfactant comes from a contraction of "Surface-Active-Agent." The chemical dictionary definition of a surfactant is: "Any compound that reduces surface tension when dissolved in water or water solutions; or which reduces interfacial tensions between two liquids, or between a liquid and a solid." This again is a very

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