

Boca Raton



“No weeds on top and roots you can hide behind. For job security, you can’t do much better than that.”

Barry Carter
Superintendent
Boca Raton Hotel and Club
Boca Raton, Florida

Barry Carter’s words summarize the results he achieved when he treated his bermudagrass greens and fairways with LESCO PRE-M 60DG Herbicide last fall. He plans to reapply the new pendimethalin product from LESCO later this year.

Barry based his decision to try PRE-M on several factors. Of course his top priority was excellent weed control with no damage to topgrowth or roots. But he was also looking for low cost, convenience and labor savings. Barry got everything he wanted with LESCO PRE-M.

“The control has been great,” Barry says. “I can see where I skipped — that’s the tell-all, isn’t it?”

“It’s still a new product, but the best thing going for it so far is that it did not harm the turf at all — not the new hybrids, not the old hybrids and not the old common. We’ve seen no root inhibition.”

From an economic standpoint, Barry’s decision to apply PRE-M was definitely sound. He shopped and compared the cost of PRE-M and found his cost per acre could be substantially reduced by using the LESCO product.

As for postemergent control, a practice Barry has employed in the past, the cost is also high because of the labor intensity of mixing two chemicals and spraying numerous times throughout the season. And with post-emergent applications, the bermuda often goes off color.

Barry says it best himself. “PRE-M costs a lot less than postemergent herbicide applications and it’s a lot easier too. I’ll put it down just twice a year as opposed to numerous spray applications.”

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"As far as preemergent weed control goes, LESCO PRE-M is the least expensive for the control you get. And the safety factor is very high."

Gary L. Price
Superintendent
Gleneagles Country Club
Delray Beach, Florida

Before relocating to Florida, Gary Price was a superintendent in the North — where preemergent weed control on golf courses is common practice. So when an economically attractive opportunity to put down a preemergence in Florida presented itself, Gary was eager to give it a try. He applied LESCO PRE-M 60DG Herbicide to tees, fairways and roughs at the rate of 5 pounds of material per acre at the end of October and plans a followup this summer.

"The results so far have been good," Gary says. "I don't know of any goosegrass germination. We had a little Poa, but after I took a closer look, I realized it was because we'd missed with the sprayer. And even though it's not labeled for ragweed, PRE-M sure kills it."

When controlling weeds with postemergent products, Gary would make as many as ten applications per year. With PRE-M he only has to apply twice although he's considering three applications in certain heavy-wear areas that are especially susceptible to weed populations.

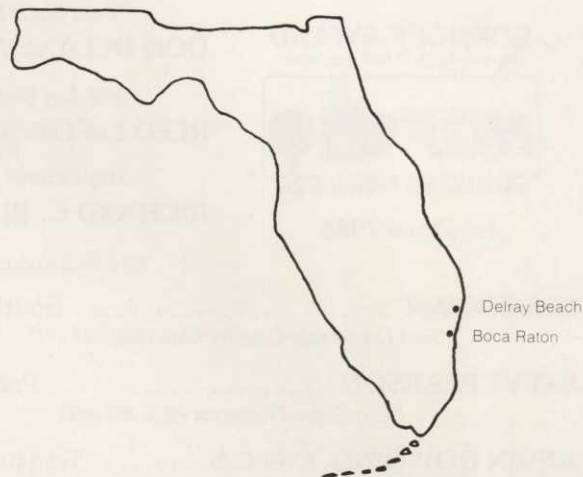
And as Gary pointed out, "When you go with a postemergent control, you're forced to live with some percentage of weeds."

With PRE-M Gary found he not only achieved the superior control he was looking for, but also the degree of safety he wanted. None of the areas he treated with PRE-M showed any sign of injury or setback.



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President's Message



FLORIDA GREEN:

Much has been said about the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association Code of Ethics item 9 and the violation of this code. It states, "*Abstain from the debasement of, or encroachment upon, the professional reputation, practice or employment of another superintendent.*" May we have your comments on this?

TOM BURROWS:

Many persons claim negligence to the interpretation of this code. Let's look at the three major points; debasement, encroachment upon, and professional reputation.

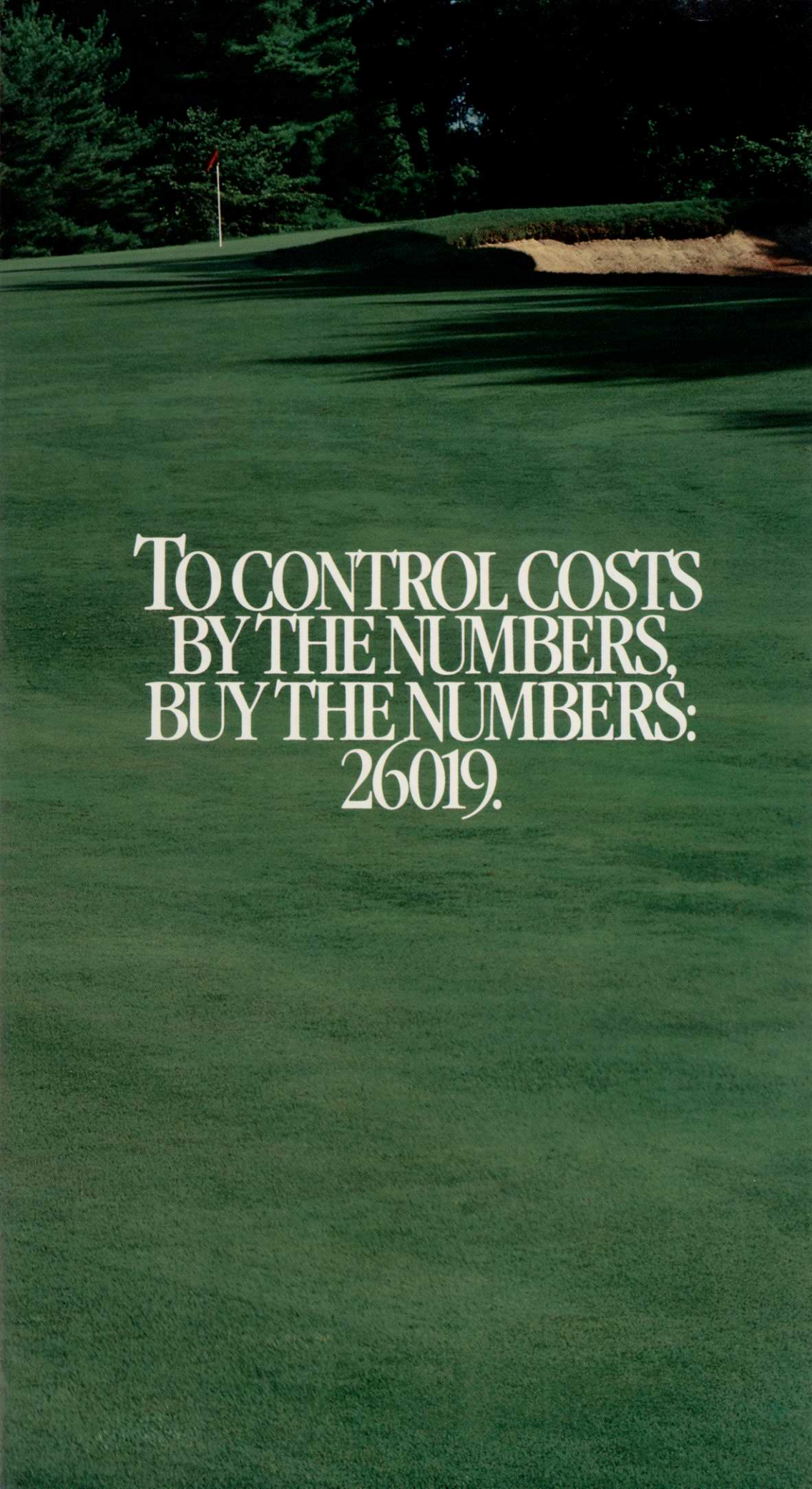
debasement — implies generally a lowering of quality, value, dignity, degeneration of morals *

encroachment upon — to seize upon, take, to trespass or intrude upon the rights of another *

professional reputation — estimation in which a person is commonly held, character in view of public, good repute, good name, a good reputation *

* *Webster's dictionary.*

To me, these three items are very clear. They are extremely valuable guidelines to follow in potential employment situations. If a superintendent wishes to uphold professional and moral values in the view of other professionals and peers, he will not intrude upon or discuss employment for another superintendent's position until that superintendent is aware that his current position is open. ■



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Letters To The Editor

Hi Dan!

Congratulations for your award - hope you have a good summer.

Dan, "Would you send me a copy of your Florida Green magazine"? I will give it to our "super" after I read it.

Thanks!

Larry T. Mullen
Hollywood Golf Club
Deal, NJ

Dear Dan:

You have turned THE FLORIDA GREEN into one of Florida's premier publications.

It is a joy to read. It is always power-packed, with fine editorial content, color and good advertising.

Long time no see! It is still my big ambition to play your club. But we have a nice home at Piper's Landing, with water out back and a large lawn with many plants to take care of. I have professional help, of course, what with my limited talents, but it occupies most of my time. Then I do some financial consulting/managing, little golf story writing, and I manage to play golf a couple time a week. Add to all this some travel and spare time doesn't pop up too often. Still...

Why not try to visit me sometime? Would like to show you our surroundings.

Bring a couple of friends or meet them here and we'll have some fun.

Meanwhile, thanks for letting me read THE FLORIDA GREEN. It helps me keep up with you and your superb organization.

Sincerely,

Roger P. Ganem