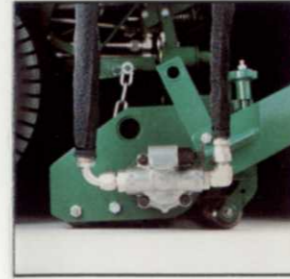


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Presidents Message

REMEMBER - The boy scouts' motto - "Be Prepared"? As the hurricane season approaches, we as golf course superintendents and turf grass managers should be prepared. Prepared for the worst.

Unless you have actually been in a major hurricane, tornado, flood; witnessed the results of death and injury from lightning damage, or been in combat, it's hard to visualize the actual chain of events that happen, usually very quickly, and how you or other people around you will react.

Having experienced all of the above situations as a participant, I have great respect for the acts of mother nature. I'm also a strong believer in the motto "be prepared".

You can be prepared for almost any situation with some forethought in setting goals and realistic objectives for what you wish to accomplish.

In 1946 upon graduation from high school I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Almost all the young men and some young ladies joined various military services at that time. They didn't have to, but at that time in history we considered love of country and patriotism extremely important.

Looking back as I know many of my peers do that served in the military services, we were in most cases well prepared. I spent 16 weeks at Paris Island, So. Carolina in boot camp. I didn't always enjoy it but we were prepared. We even had training in hurricane preparations and procedures. From boot camp to Camp Pendleton Ca. and six weeks of advanced combat training and raider training at the conclusion of which we considered ourselves well prepared and had received the best possible *training* in the world available at that time. Most of this training was done by truly qualified professional N.C.O's. and "mustangs" those officers who rose thru the ranks, their advancement by being there and were recognized and promoted on merit and leadership abilities.

After two years of service, travel, training and more training, it was back home and off to college for more training and education.

I was fortunate to go to the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. When Professor L.S. Dickinson was actively teaching and training men for the future demands of golf course maintenance work, he often brought leaders of the profession to the class room to provide lectures and training to his students. The early conferences at the cage I'm sure are remembered by many who attended those early turf conferences. Geoffrey Cornish was an instructor working towards his master's degree at that time.

In 1950 I was recalled to active duty in the Korean conflict. Eleven months later I was back in school for more training and education.

Enough about me, I only used my own experiences to emphasize my reasons for being prepared and a strong supporter for training. Training before the fact as it relates to almost everything we do. In the case of hurricanes -there is no valid reason not to be prepared as so much advance warnings are communicated to the public as are numerous excellent procedures as to what to do before, during and after the hurricane.

Surprisingly, though, too many people will ignore all of the above until the last moment.

I've been fortunate throughout my career as a golf superintendent to have worked at corporate owned or private country clubs that were highly safety oriented as relates to all their facilities and especially the club's number one asset, their employees. In all cases these corporations and clubs had safety committees made up of all levels of employees, line employees and top types of management to witness that good policy starts at the bottom where involved employees know what is actually going on.

I consider being on a safety committee an opportunity to learn, to share ideas, to work with and get to know your peers' concerns. Sharing experiences and knowledge prevents accidents and trains people how to react if an accident should occur.

If by chance you don't have a hurricane procedure plan call me or write our office and a plan will be forthcoming. Don't take a chance - be prepared.

Dick Blake
President, FL GCSA



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Ms. Jones:

I enjoyed reading your article titled "Bentgrass 101" in the winter edition of "The Florida Green." As a worldwide producer and marketer of many different bentgrasses, I found your story both educational and informative.

However, I would like to bring to your attention an oversight in your story. In your paragraph on redtop, you stated the use of redtop has declined. Quite to the contrary, redtop usage has increased substantially, with prices higher than they have ever been in previous years.

You also stated that few cultivars have been developed and none are commercially available. This is incorrect. We market a variety called "Streaker" redtop which is an improved redtop sold only as certified seed. A great number of additional acres are planted each year trying to meet the continued high demand. Streaker is primarily used in erosion, pasture and revegetation sites. However, the increased demand for Streaker has become prevalent in the Southern overseeding market (primarily Florida) where Streaker is used in overseeding dormant bermudagrass on golf course putting greens.

I would be happy to have an article authored by Dr. Doug Brede, formerly with Oklahoma State University, and currently Research Director, Jacklin Seed Company, for your publication. This article would include performance data and pictures of Streaker redtop in turf situations.

If I can be of further assistance in providing you with a redtop article, please don't hesitate to call.

Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gayle Jacklin-Ward
Jacklin Seed Company

Dear Irene:

The funeral message wasn't in manuscript form before I delivered it, and we failed to tape it! So, the article was written from my memory of what I had said and I'm sure it wasn't exactly the same as the sermon preached from the pulpit.

Bill was the kind of person about whom you could say so many good things, so, for the funeral I had written down a few thoughts and elaborated on them.

Tell Dan hello.

Sincerely,

Bob Case, Minister
The First United Methodist Church
of Jupiter - Tequesta

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is an announcement for our Texas Turfgrass Field Day scheduled for August 10, 1988 at the Dallas Center. Please place the announcement in Florida Green or list the field day and date in the announcements for upcoming meetings.

I hope you will be able to schedule a trip to Dallas for our field day and I look forward to seeing you.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James A. Reinert
Resident Director of Research
and Professor of Entomology

Dear Dan:

Just a quick note to thank you for your help at the Prayer Breakfast. The scriptures were good! From some of the comments I heard I think it went well. We'll be starting on next year's program soon, hope we can fit things together soon enough for the "Florida Green" this year. My regards to your family.

The Lord's peace to you.

John Ebel
GCS Christian Prayer
Breakfast Committee

Dear Dan:

Thank you for The Florida Green. It could not have arrived at a better time. As I mentioned previously the growing conditions in the Emirates are similar to Florida. Discussions were in progress about the possibility of using Bentgrass for overseeding. The material in this issue gave the people here a much better understanding of the complexity of the overseeding operation.

The reading material enclosed, regarding my Club, might be of interest to you. Again, thank you for the magazine.

Yours truly,

Kerry W. Son
Golf Course Superintendent
Emirates Golf Club
Dubai, United Arab

Dear Dan:

Enclosed please find results from an overseeding trial conducted by Dr. Dudeck. I thought you might be interested in seeing these results.

You may want to include a portion of it in your next issue of Florida Green.

Sincerely,
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Dr. Richard Hurley
Vice President
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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are printing the article submitted by Dr. Richard Hurley and Gayle Jacklin-Ward on comparison of Overseeded Grasses for Putting Greens. The article can be found on page 70.