

Poa trivialis

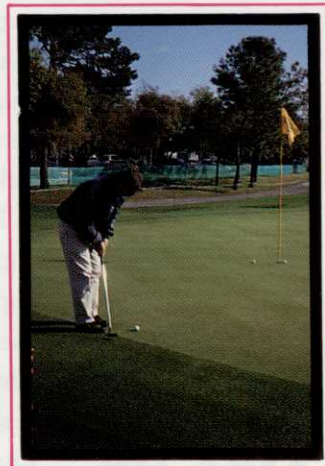
Advantages of Winter Overseeding with **LASER** *Poa trivialis*



- Can be cut close immediately after overseeding
- Germinates quickly
- Improves putting surfaces compared to greens overseeded with 100% perennial ryegrass
- Darker color
- Retains dark color in winter
- Tolerates cold weather
- Provides a smooth spring transition
- Performs well in damp soil
- Tolerates shade

LASER Keeps Greens in Play

Overseeding with Laser *Poa trivialis* has a big advantage over ryegrass. You won't hear golfers complain about poor putting greens during the fall grow-in period like you do with ryegrass. Laser can be cut close immediately after germination, unlike perennial ryes that need to become established first. With Laser there's no waiting. That means uninterrupted play on your greens after fall overseeding.



Use **LASER**

More and more professionals are using a *Poa trivialis* for their overseeding programs. Make sure you get all the benefits. Use Laser — alone or blended with perennial ryegrass and chewing fescue — for a smooth putting surface and a much darker color.

NOTE: Laser *Poa trivialis* is included as a component of Marvelgreen + Laser and Marvelgreen Classic winter overseeding mixtures.



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Techno-Supt takes to the field on his morning rounds. His Motorola two-way radio is nestled in the beverage holder of his converted golf cart/maintenance vehicle.

Clipped on his hip is a Bell South beeper set on pulse mode. And on the seat next to him is his latest gadget, his Novatel Mark IV Trans-Stellar Intergalactic cellular phone and coffee maker.

Our modern-day communicator can keep tabs on the crew, the family, and the stock market while scouting and mapping mole

cricket colonies on the back nine. If the superintendent doesn't have a secretary to take messages, he can hook up an answering machine or subscribe to voice mail to log those formerly missed calls while out in the field.

Ten years ago, the two-way radio proved a great timesaver by allowing the superintendent to locate his key staff members without chasing them around some of our new sprawling course layouts. It still remains an indispensable tool to discover and report emergencies, contact crew leaders, and relay information to the pro shop, starter, and rangers.

With the increasing role of superintendents in the course management business, it became beneficial to wear a beeper to get notice of important calls that needed prompt attention. I know of a couple of superintendents who took to wearing them as their wives entered the final weeks of pregnancy, so they could be summoned directly by mom for the blessed event.

Now the nineties have hit us with the

omnipresent cellular phone, a device that initially made the traveling sales person more productive. It soon started showing up in executives' cars so they could work 24 hours a day and keep the profits and stress levels up. No sense wasting all that driving time, but I wonder how attentive the driver can be while engrossed in a conversation that may be very important to his business. More and more, I am also seeing these phones show up on the golf course. And some superintendents have started using them as well.

While these phones do allow a convenient way to stay in contact with the office, there needs to be some common sense, courtesy, and etiquette involved in using these new devices. It used to be a matter of common golf etiquette that you remain quiet while your playing partners or others on the course are in the process of making a shot. I have witnessed golfers carrying on heated discussions over the phone while nearby golfers are trying to tee off. Or the phone rings while play is in progress.

If the phone allows some harried businessman the chance to get out and enjoy the outdoors, I'm happy. But I see it more as an intrusion... another interruption in an already fast-paced world. Golf wasn't meant to be played as "shots between deals."

Players on the course aren't the only ones being interrupted by these phone abusers. Seminar attendees are increasingly being annoyed by the beeping and ringing of these communication devices. The height of insensitivity is when the phone rings, the person answers, and carries on a conversation while the speaker gamely tries to go on and ignore this rude behavior. I was at a seminar recently where one gentleman received three calls during the

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