

## GCSAA studies pesticide, fertilizer use for scientists

A new study on pesticide and fertilizer use will help guide scientists reviewing the environmental impact of golf course management.

The study, which documents chemicals typically used to control weeds, insects and diseases on America's courses, is being provided to the United States Golf Association's Environmental Research Committee thanks to funding from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Scholarship and Research Inc., a non-profit science and education

foundation.

"This survey and subsequent report continues GCSAA's commitment to working closely with the USGA in turfgrass and environmental research," said GCSAA President Stephen G. Cadenelli.

"The information from this report will assist researchers who are carrying out work funded by the USGA by providing them accurate data as to which materials are being used on America's courses."

William Roberts, vice president of the GCSAA Scholarship and Re-

search board of trustees and a member of the USGA environmental committee, said "it was critical to know exactly what chemicals we should be studying rather than just making assumptions. This report allows us to efficiently direct the researchers' efforts to get the most from the investment USGA is making."

The study, which is based on a nationwide survey of golf course superintendents, examines insecticide, fungicide, herbicide and fertilizer usage in terms of the type of

golf course, region of the country, type of turfgrass and exact products used.

The USGA Environmental Research Committee will pass the information along to the various independent researchers involved in pesticide and fertilizer fate studies at universities around the nation.

GCSAA Scholarship and Research Inc. is a 35-year-old charitable foundation that provides funding for educational and scientific advancement in the field of golf course management.

## Dioxin status remains same for time being

The Environmental Protection Agency's dioxin-related regulatory activities, "at this time," should continue as planned, according to EPA Administrator William K. Reilly.

Issuing a memorandum, Reilly endorsed recommendations of a committee of senior agency managers. However, he directed EPA managers to acknowledge the scientific reassessment in every future dioxin-related regulatory decision and to consider whether to include a provision for reopening the decision if that should prove necessary once the reassessment is completed.

In April, Reilly directed Erich W. Bretthauer, assistant administrator for research and development, to undertake a re-evaluation of the risks of exposure to dioxin based on recent scientific advances. That reassessment began in May and is expected to take more than a year to conclude.

At the same time, Reilly directed the general counsel to convene a group of senior managers to evaluate the potential impact of this reassessment on the agency's ongoing regulatory programs. The counsel's committee found that at this time it is very difficult to predict how the scientific review might alter the risk assessment for dioxin.

Therefore, the committee concluded that it is too early in the process of scientific reassessment to support major changes in either the substance or the timing of EPA regulatory decisions related to dioxin.

## Masters joins Pinehurst course

Chandler Masters has been hired as superintendent for Talamore at Pinehurst. Talamore at Pinehurst is a new 18-hole golf course located on Midland Road that opened this fall.

Masters, formerly with Woodside Plantation in Aiken, S.C., was selected from the field of applicants primarily because of his previous grow-in and maintenance experience with bentgrass greens said general manager John Musto. Talamore will feature a Rees Jones-designed championship course with bentgrass greens.

Masters has been involved with construction and grow-in stages of three courses. He is familiar with the planting and growth of bentgrass, Bermuda, centipede, Zoysia and other grasses. He also has experience in preparing the Augusta National for three Masters Tournaments.

"I have worked with Rees Jones and his staff before and know how he likes his course. I am excited to be working with Rees and his experienced team again," said Masters. Jones was the architect for the first course at Woodside Plantation, Masters' previous employer.

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