

February

5-12 — 62nd Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show, sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association, in Las Vegas, Nev. Contact the GCSAA at 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas; 913-841-2240.

6-7 — Garden State Nursery and Landscape Conference and Trade Show in Somerset, N.J. Contact the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association at 609-737-0890.

15-16 — Association of Professional Landscape Designers Annual Meeting and Symposium in Bethesda, Md. Contact Environmental Design at 301-652-1212.

19-21 — Northeastern Pennsylvania Turfgrass and Grounds Maintenance School in Nanticoke. Contact William Pencek at 717-963-4761.

20-21 — Golf Development Conference at Hilton Dead, S.C., coordinated by Crittenden Research Institute, with speakers from various segments of the industry on topics ranging from designing to developing, managing and marketing. Contact Crittenden at 250-G Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, Calif. 94949; telephone 415-382-2486.

21 — Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners executive board meeting in Monroeville. Contact President Carol Nill at 1322 Penhurst Drive, McKeesport, Pa. 15135; 412-751-0852.

21-22 — Landscape Industry Conference and Trade Show in Denver, Colo. Contact Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado at 303-425-4862.

22-23 — American Landscape Maintenance Association Expo in St. Petersburg, Fla. Contact ALMA at 800-992-ALMA.

26-27 — Irrigation Part I seminar, sponsored by GCSAA, in Seattle, Wash.*

26-28 — Western Pennsylvania Turf Conference and Trade Show in Monroeville. Contact the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council at 814-863-3475.

28-March 1 — GCSAA seminar in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Landscape Design and Materials.*

March

10-12 — Ohio State Golf Course Owners Conference in Akron. Contact Allan Whaling at 614-889-1593.

12 — Seminar on Recent Developments in Turfgrass Disease and Control by Dr. Houston Couch in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Contact the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, 203-2000 Weston Road, Weston, Ontario M9N 1X3; 800-387-1056.

12-13 — GCSAA seminar in Philadelphia, Pa., on Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management.*

13-14 — Reinders Brothers, Inc.'s 10th Turf Conference, Equipment Show and Service Clinic at Waukesha (Wis.) Expo Center. Contact Ed Devinger at 13400 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, Wis. 53122; 414-786-3301.

15 — Seminar, "Update on Pesticides and Spraying Calibrations," by Dr. Chris Hall in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Contact the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, 203-2000 Weston Road, Weston, Ontario M9N 1X3; 800-387-1056.

18-19 — GCSAA seminar in Minneapolis, Minn., on Public Relations and Public Speaking.*

21 — GCSAA seminar in Milwaukee, Wis., on Safe Pesticide Management.*

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25-26 — *GCSAA seminar in Indianapolis, Ind.*, on Integrated Pest Management.*

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11-14 — *Golf Asia '91, the first international golf show for the Asia-Pacific region, at the World Trade Centre in Singapore*. Contact Zainal Abidin Shah, exhibition manager, at Connex Private Ltd., 3015A Ubi Road 1 #05-11/12, Kampong Ubi Industrial Estate, Singapore 1440; telephone 7489696.

16-17 — *GCSAA seminar in Palm Springs, Calif.*, on Disease Identification and Control.*

18-19 — *Landscape Industry Show/Greentech 91 in Long Beach, Calif.* Contact California Landscape Contractors Association at 916-448-2522.

22-24 — *Golf Development Expo in Palm Springs, Calif.* Contact Crittenden Research Institute, Inc., P.O. Box 1150, Novato, Calif. 9448; 800-443-8318.

July

28-30 — *International Lawn, Garden and Power Equipment Expo 91 in Louisville, Ky.* Contact Expo Hot Line at 800-558-8767.

August

7 — *Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Summer Field Day in St. Charles, Ill.* Contact ILCA at 708-932-8443.

8 — *MNLA Summer Meeting and Trade Show in St. Paul, Minn.* Contact Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association at 612-633-4987.

16-18 — *TAN-MISSLARK Regional Nursery and Garden Supply Show in Dallas*. Contact Texas Association of Nurserymen at 512-280-5182.

25-27 — *National Lawn, Garden and Power Equipment Showcase in Toronto, Ontario*.

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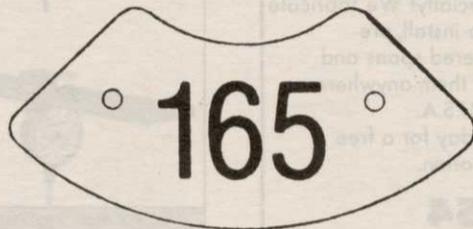
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Canada. Contact show producers at 705-741-2536.

September

1-3 — International Garden Trade Fair in Cologne, Germany. Contact show producers at 212-974-8836.

13-15 — Florida Nursery and Allied Trades Show in Orlando, Fla. Contact FNCA at 407-345-8137.

15-17 — GMA Show-International Professional Lawn, Garden and Outdoor Power Equipment Exhibition in Kempton Park, United Kingdom. Contact Andry Montgomery Group at 502-473-1992.

16-19 — Northwest Turfgrass Conference and Exhibition in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact NTA at 206-754-0825.

November

5-6 — Indiana State Lawn Care Association Conference and Show in Indianapolis. Contact ISLCA at 317-575-9010.

5-8 — New York State Turfgrass Association Turf and Grounds Exposition in Rochester, N.Y. Contact NYSTA at 800-873-TURF.

10-13 — International Irrigation Exposition in San Antonio, Texas. Contact The Irrigation Association at 703-524-1200.

14-16 — Landscape Maintenance Association Meeting and Demo at a site to be announced. Contact LMA at 813-584-2312.

17-20 — Green Industry Expo in Tampa, Fla. Contact Associated Landscape Contractors of America at 703-241-4004.

18-21 — Professional Lawn Care Association of America Convention and Trade Show in Tampa, Fla. Contact PLCAA at 404-977-5222.

19-21 — Inland Northwest Turf and Landscape Conference and Trade Show in Spokane, Wash. Contact show producers at 800-729-5904.

December

3-4 — Southern Grounds and Turf Maintenance Expo in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Contact show producers at 800-553-7702.

9-12 — Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show in Cincinnati. Contact Ohio Turfgrass Foundation at 614-292-2601.

* — For more information or to register, contact Betsy Evans, education coordinator, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, at 800-472-7878 or 913-841-2240. The seminars are dependent upon the availability of the instructors, and are therefore subject to change. One-day seminars cost \$100 for GCSAA members and \$120 for non-members; two-day seminars cost \$180 for members and \$210 for non-members.

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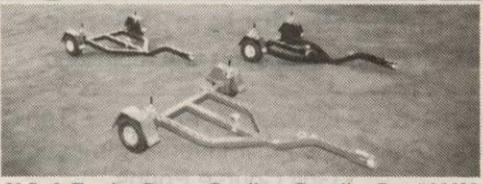
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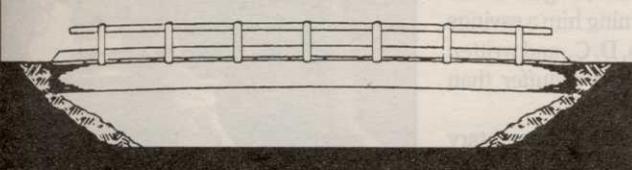
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Invention

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Casey and his family saw commercial opportunities in the tee and began showing the tee to golf course superintendents, asking for suggestions about how to improve the product.

One immediate result was deleting the grass seed and fertilizer from the mixture.

"Superintendents didn't like that idea," Casey said. "There are a lot of different types of grass on different courses, and we didn't want bentgrass growing on a bluegrass course because of the tee.

After consulting with Hauser Laboratories in Boulder, Colo., all ingredients were changed.

"The new version doesn't have any of the original ingredients," said father John. "Superintendents were unhappy with the idea of fertilizer on the course that they didn't apply, or the thought of bent shooting up through Bermuda, so we came up with a new formulation."

The lab also helped ensure that the end product met all the strength and rigidity requirements necessary to make the tee usable during a round of golf.

The commercial finished product, BIO-T, is produced by Bio Dynamics Ltd., the company formed by the Golden to manufacture Casey's invention.

The BIO-T is virtually indistinguishable from a conventional golf tee, except for its enhanced biodegradability. Broken and immersed in water, a BIO-T will dissolve in about 24 hours.

The tees are treated with an ultraviolet-sensitive chemical that ensures that even intact tees will break down if left exposed to the elements.

"The result is priced competitively with personalized tees," said John Golden. "And it offers obvious environmental appeal. If a golf tee can be sexy, we're sexy."

Casey's talent as an inventor has earned him considerable media attention and a trip to Japan, but he has no plans to turn his hand to any new projects right away.

"I kind of want to see this invention all the way through before I start another one," he said.

He hasn't let the possibility of entrepreneurial success distract him from his two primary concerns, which remain school and improving his golf game.

The youthful inventor leaves the details of running Bio-Dynamics to his father.

"I'd better not make him mad," said John Golden. "He'll fire me."

Patrick Quinn is a freelance writer based in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mechem takes reins from Blue at LPGA

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Charles S. Mechem Jr. has replaced the fired Bill Blue as commissioner of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Mechem, 60, retired last June after 24 years with the Great American Broadcasting Co., formerly called Taft Broadcasting Co. He served as chairman and chief executive officer from the time he joined the company in December 1976 until he retired. He then assumed the chairmanship of Great American Broadcasting Co.'s executive committee.

A native of Nelsonville, Ohio, Mechem graduated in 1952 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, then attended Yale Law School, graduating in 1955. He joined the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, where he became a partner and remained until joining Taft Broadcasting Co.