

Cornell student Dalthorp chosen for Musser's Excellence Award

SHARON CENTER, Ohio — The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation has named Daniel H. Dalthorp the recipient of the 1996 Award of Excellence.

The Musser Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering turfgrass as a learned profession and supporting education and research in turfgrass development and management. The foundation's Award of Excellence acknowledges outstand-

ing scholars seeking their PhD in the turfgrass sciences.

Dalthorp, a doctoral student at Cornell University majoring in entomology, was awarded \$7,500.

"I feel very honored and proud to receive this award," said Dalthorp. "The support of the Musser Foundation has allowed me to further my goal of or applied ecologist I've met in the past 25 years," Prof. Michael Villani said.



Daniel Dalthorp

logical problems of insect ecology research."

The subject of Dalthorp's doctoral thesis is *Characterizing Grub Dispersion in Golf Courses and Home Lawns*.

"Dan has the potential to make the greatest long-term impact on turfgrass pest management of any entomologist or applied ecologist I've met in the past 25 years," Prof. Michael Villani said.

Dalthorp is expected to earn his doctorate this year. He earned a master's in mathematics from the University of Oregon, a master's in environmental resources engineering from Humboldt State University, and a bachelor's in mathematics from Brown University.

Dalthorp plans to continue his studies with turfgrass pests and obtain a position as a research scientist. He has worked with community agricultural projects in China and Guatemala.

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John Santacrose. "In fact, the percentage of new members and renewals goes up each month. I thought it would level off, but it keeps moving up."

The Audubon report said "the real success of the program ... rests in the commitment of our members. They are working hard to maintain high standards in wildlife enhancement and resource conservation.

"They have embraced the program as a source of information and direction and a means to support their efforts."

Membership, which began with 270 in 1991, now surpasses 1,900 and experienced a 25-percent growth in 1995.

The report highlighted several successes at individual golf courses involved in ACSS, including:

- habitat at one course increased from zero to 40 acres due to naturalization;
- 120 birds, including 90 bluebirds, fledged from 42 nest boxes on a course that formerly had no boxes;
- decreased pesticide use saved \$15,000;
- an 80-percent reduction in pesticide use by implementing an integrated pest management program;
- decreased maintenance saved \$1,248 in labor;
- \$20,000 financial savings resulted from reductions in pesticides, water and maintenance; and

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Meanwhile, Santacrose said Audubon's Canadian Golf Course Sanctuary Program has been incorporated, and he is preparing an initial budget and administrative details so an administrator can be hired this summer.

"We want to blend the visions of [Canadian] conservation authorities with the visions of our programs," Santacrose said.

Each authority controls a watershed. Though they originally controlled water-course activities, their role has expanded over the years and they are now technical arms for communities regarding permitting and other issues, Santacrose said.

"But they now have their budgets hacked to nothing, and are trying to offset that problem."

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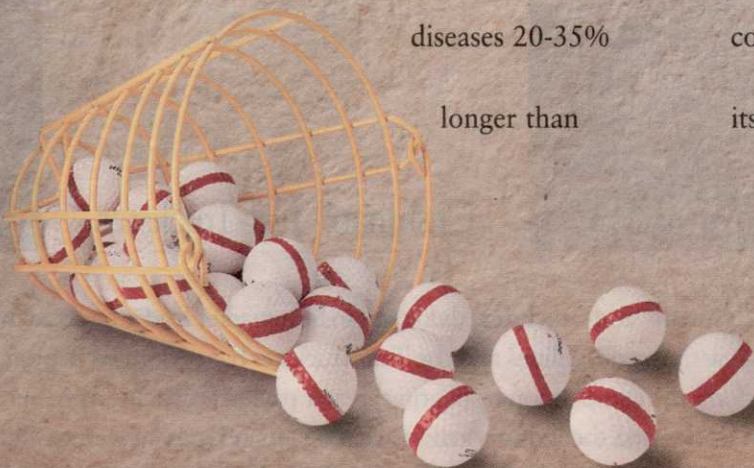
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