

800 number provides pest data

AMHERST, Mass. — The University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service has instituted a landscape message 800 telephone number, allowing turfgrass managers, arborists and others to be in touch with local pest activity.

Superintendents can call 800-226-4476 (4IPM) 24 hours a day, seven days a week and get a four- to seven-minute message. Information includes what insects are emerging that week, disease occurrences and poten-

tial disease problems, growing degree-day reports, cultural problems, pest management strategies, and upcoming educational programs.

Dialing the 800 number, callers then press 1 for the Cape Cod area, 2 for Plymouth and Bristol counties, 3 for the Boston area, 4 for the Worcester region, and 5 for Pioneer Valley and the Berkshire Mountains region.

New England Brows Inc. has partially funded the phone line.

W. Virginia elects Tennant

David A. Tennant of Lakeview Resort and Conference Center in Morgantown has been elected president of the West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Tennant, who succeeded Past President Art Casto Sr. of Kanawha County Parks and Recreation Department, is joined by newly elected Vice President Jason Griffith of Woodridge Plantation in Mineral Wells, Secretary-Treasurer

Bill Nickerson Jr. of Wheeling (W.Va.) Country Club and Directors Jim Farren of Clarksburg Country Club in Oceana, Rodney Noel of Glade Springs Resort in Glen Morgan, Bob Buehner of Pines Country Club in Morgantown, Gene Boggess of Tri-Star Soil in Bruceton Mill, Howard Lott of Bridgeport (W.Va.) Country Club, and Joe Weaver of West Virginia University.

O, CANADA!

USGA appoints Canada's Yamada

OAKVILLE, Ontario, Canada — Teri Yamada, national director of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, has been named to the U.S. Golf Association's Environmental and Turfgrass Research Committee.

Yamada is chairman of the Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation's Steering Committee and a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Research Committee.

"I am very honored to be invited to sit on this prestigious committee," Yamada, one of only two non-Americans on the USGA panel. "One of my chief concerns has been the coordination of American and Canadian turfgrass and environmental research for the betterment of the game throughout North America."

The USGA Environmental and Turfgrass Research Committee was established to produce improved turfgrasses which substantially reduce water use, pesticide use and maintenance costs; develop management practices for new and established turf which protect the environment while providing quality playing surfaces and encourage young scientists to become leaders in turfgrass research.

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Golf Foundation names director

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Linnea Turnquist of Calgary, Alberta, an active promoter of women's golf for several years, has been appointed executive director of the recently restructured Canadian Golf Foundation (CGF).

Turnquist for three years has owned and managed Par W Golf Programs, a Calgary-based business designed to develop interest and participation in women's golf. Prior to creating Par W, Turnquist held several positions with the Alberta Sport Council, Spruce Meadows, Hockey Canada and TELUS Corp.

She will direct the overall operations of the Canadian Golf Foundation, including development and implementation of fund-raising programs aimed at advancing golf in Canada and increasing junior development.

"Ms. Turnquist has the drive and energy necessary to take the Canadian Golf Foundation in its new direction," said W. Keith Gray, CGF president. "As we move the Foundation toward a pro-active fundraising role, we need a dynamic, committed person, like Ms. Turnquist, to steer the operations on a day-to-day basis."