

Brickyard's Stuart beats *poa annua* invasion

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When The Speedway 500 Golf Course opened in 1929, golfers reached the nine holes inside the brick-paved Indianapolis Motor Speedway by crossing a wooden bridge. Today, the renovated course, renamed Brickyard Crossing, features only four holes inside the track and golfers pass through a tunnel to reach them.

But the thrill of playing golf in and around the famed racetrack remains strong. The public

course hosted a Senior PGA Tour Event, The Brickyard Crossing Championship, for the third time in 1996, and averages 18,000 rounds each year, despite being closed all winter.

"We also close the course on qualification days, during the Brickyard 400 NASCAR races, and for the Indianapolis 500, of course," said Jeff Stuart, who was golf course superintendent at Country Club of Indiana for six years before

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Calif. confirms bromide restrictions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A report submitted to the California state Legislature by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has confirmed that the department's restrictions on methyl bromide use adequately protect workers and the public from overexposure to the pesticide. The review also concluded

that sound science and methodology were used in developing the controls placed on methyl bromide.

Legislation passed last year required DPR, working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to review the restrictions on methyl bromide use that have been developed and implemented over the past four years.

"Although the review shows that we don't need to make substantial changes, we found that some fine-tuning was needed," said DPR Director James W. Wells. "Some changes have already been made and other initiatives are under way."

DPR and county agricultural commissioners have implemented a series of restrictions on methyl bromide use in field fumigations to protect workers and others who may be near fumigation sites. These restrictions include buffer zones between application sites and nearby homes or workplaces.

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Iowa GCSA elects Bruns

WATERLOO, Iowa — Jeff Bruns of Sunnyside Country Club here has been elected president of the Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association (IGCSA).

Bruns will serve along with Vice President Thomas Verrips of Otter Creek Golf Course in Ankeny, Director of Association Affairs Dennis Watters of Fort Dodge (Iowa) Country Club, and new board members Mark Henson of Ottumwa Municipal Golf Course from the Southeast District and Gerald Stover of Harlan (Iowa) Golf and Country Club from the Southwest District.

Serving the second year of two-year terms are Northeast Director Thomas Lavrenz of Ellis Park Golf Course in Cedar Rapids and Northwest Director Mark Doody of Primghar (Iowa) Golf and Country Club.

The IGCSA presented its Superintendent of the Year Award to Gary Twedt of Ottumwa Country Club and its Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Nick Christians of Iowa State University.

The Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award was presented to Kathy Christianson of Rice Lake Golf and Country Club in Lake Mills.

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