

## USGA calling for help with study of effluent use

The WaterUse Association has formed a work group to address specific problems and concerns that golf courses have with recycled irrigation water.

The association, dedicated to increasing water recycling, consists of public agencies, consultants, and private industry, along with regulatory agencies work-

ing together to find solutions to recycled water-use problems. Organized in 1990 to address recycled water use in the state of California, its scope has now expanded to include national and international concerns.

The golf course work group was formed under the Agriculture Committee's Landscape/Horticul-

ture Subcommittee. Mike Huck, an agronomist with the U.S. Golf Association Green Section's Southwest Region, is heading this group in conjunction with committee members Pat Gross, director of the USGA Southwest Region, and Mark Stanek, technical advisor for water quality for the city of Sunnyvale, Calif.'s Depart-

ment of Public Works. The work group will:

- Develop an accurate and up-to-date database of golf courses irrigating with recycled water.
- Survey golf courses using recycled water to identify specific problems and gain feedback from users.
- Suggest minimum water-



quality standards for turf (and particularly putting greens) irrigation with regard to salinity, pH, SAR, bicarbonate content, and toxic ions.

- Develop design and management guidelines for lakes to reduce the need for algae and water weed control by using the input and experience of water reclamation engineers and treatment plant operators.

- Recommend that recycled water suppliers provide golf course users with frequent water-analysis reports that address water quality from both agricultural suitability and human health standpoints.

- Establish uniform system retrofit standards with regard to backflow, signage, cross connection, health and safety regulations, etc.

- Develop best management practices.

The USGA is asking that courses that currently use or plan to begin using recycled water in the near future, send their name, address, phone, fax number, and a contact person to:

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This will assure that upcoming user surveys reach these courses, and your experiences with recycled water are documented.

### IGM CHANGES NAME

LAKELAND, Fla. — International Golf Management (IGM) has changed its operating name to International Golf Maintenance, more accurately reflecting the mission of the company.

The change came after IGM was acquired by Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc. Meadowbrook is a publicly held golf course management company previously based in Beverly Hills, Calif. The acquisition was in exchange for cash, common stock and convertible preferred stock.

Meadowbrook will operate from the IGM offices in Lakeland, and will be managed by IGM principals James Sartain and Bill Stine. Sartain will serve as chief executive officer and Stine takes over chief operating officer duties.

IGM, which provides outsourced golf course maintenance services, will continue operations as a wholly owned subsidiary of Meadowbrook.

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