

OSHA SOFTWARE HELPS COURSES IDENTIFY HAZARDS

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has developed a free software program that will help identify and understand health hazards in the work place. All that is necessary is downloading the software from the OSHA web page, following installation instructions and answering a few questions. The result is a report that identifies areas that probably need to be worked on and provides the OSHA standards that apply. The web page address is: www.osha.gov/oshasoft. OSHA says the only difficult question when running the software is figuring which standard industry code (SIC) applies to golf courses. Fitting golf courses and maintenance facilities the best is the Services Industry category and Museums, Art Galleries, Botanical and Zoological Gardens subcategory (code 84).

New England supers elect Osgood president

NEEDHAM, Mass. — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England has elected Kevin F. Osgood of Newton Commonwealth Golf Course as its president, heading a new slate of officers.

Joining Osgood are Vice President Robert Ruzala of Hickory Ridge Country Club; Secretary James R. Fitzroy of Presidents Golf Club; Treasurer Michael Iacono of Pine Brook Country Club; Finance Chairman Daniel Higgins of Winchester Country Club; Golf Chairman

Michael J. Hermanson of Gardner Municipal Golf Course; Education Chairman Ronald Dobos of Cedar Hill Golf Course; and Newsletter Chairman Russell Heller. Robert DiRico of Brae Burn Country Club is past president

Elected as trustees were Arthur Silva of Belmont Country Club, David Comee of The Winchendon School Country Club and Wayne LaCroix of the Andover Country Club.

This year is the 75th anniversary of the New England association.

Jackson named to Florida Ag Institute

TAMPA, Fla. — Joel Jackson, director of communications for the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, has been elected to the board on directors of the Agriculture Institute of Florida during the Institute's annual retreat and planning session here on March 5.

Jackson retired as a certified golf course superintendent after 20 years at Walt Disney World. He has been the editor of the FGCSA's magazine The Florida Green for the past five years. The FGCSA created the director of communications position in January 1998 to assist the organization with public relations and government relations issues.

The Agriculture Institute of Florida is an organization made up of communications professionals employed by the various agriculture commodity associations and the Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida.

The role of the Ag Institute is to help the agricultural community in Florida educate the general public with facts on issues ranging from food safety and production, crop protection, environmental impacts and government regulations.

Jackson's presence on the board provides a voice for Florida's turfgrass industry in these discussions and education efforts.

MIDWEST EXPO BACKS RESEARCH

INDIANAPOLIS — At the Midwest Turf Expo here, the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation (MRTF), whose mission is to support turfgrass research and education at Purdue University, presented a check to the Purdue Department of Agronomy for \$146,000 for annual support of the turfgrass program, and an additional check for \$100,000 to help complete the W.H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center. Steve Frazier of the Links Group was given the 1999 Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given by the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. The award is presented to an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the turf industry of Indiana.

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