Off The Fringe

Scanning the Web

you won't need a six-shooter to venture into Texas turf managers' territory. Just point and click your Web browser to gain access to the North Texas GCSA site at http://web2.airmail.net/ntgcsa1/ntnews.htm. The site features nearly 40 member-written articles on everything from bunker renovation to overseeding to course construction. Then mosey on over to the South Texas GCSA site at http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/dcole/, or the Texas Turfgrass Association site at www.texasturf.com. Happy trails.



Other sites to consider:

- · Get an inside look at what the best golf course architects in the world have to say about industry trends, specific turfgrass cultivars and maintenance strategies by logging onto the American Society of Golf Course Architects Web site at www.golfdesign-.org. It offers interesting insight into course design rationale and features dozens of links to other popular golf Web sites.
- · Two valuable sites for superintendents include the USGA's site at www.usga.org and the Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) Web site at www.acpa.org/rise. Of special interest at the USGA site are pages devoted to the Green Section, with contact information on staff agronomists, turf advisory services and fees, and articles featured in the Green Section Record. The RISE site includes information on pesticides, issue statements, news releases, resources and links to helpful environmental sites. · At www.turf-tec.com, John Mascaro of Coral



Springs, Fla-based Turf-Tec International offers free and paid online consulting services for superintendents who have turf problems. Mascaro has been in the industry since about 1982 and is the son of Tom Mascaro, who invented the Aerifier in 1946 and the Verti-Cut in 1955.

· Bayer Turf & Ornamental at www.protect-yourturf.com features a separate section for golf courses and an online course planner for superintendents.



