

# Off The Fringe

## Business briefs

### Curalan remains available for course maintenance

BASF Agricultural Products said it will amend the listing of vinclozolin uses supported by U.S. labeling as a result of the tolerance reassessment process conducted by EPA under the Food Quality Protection Act.

However, the Research Triangle Park, N.C.-based company can still offer Curalan, a vinclozolin-based fungicide that controls dollar spot, for golf course maintenance.

### ABT saga drawing to a close

The saga of the bankruptcy of AgriBioTech (ABT) is coming to an end. The Las Vegas-based bankruptcy court sold most of Henderson, Nev.-based ABT's grass business to a group consisting of former ABT president Kenneth Budd, Dick Olson of Proseed Marketing in Jefferson, Ore., and Idaho-based J.R. Simplot Co. The price was \$24.5 million.

### Environmental Golf consolidates units

Calabasas, Calif.-based Environmental Golf, a division of Environmental Industries, consolidated its golf-related businesses as part of a restructuring program.

The consolidation is designed to make Environmental Golf a more customer- and sales-driven organization, according to Michael L. Dingman, senior vice president.

### Meadowbrook purchases Sabal Point

Lakeland, Fla.-based Meadowbrook Golf Group purchased Sabal Point CC near Orlando from ClubCorp. It's one of 18 facilities operated by Meadowbrook in Florida and the ninth in central Florida.

The course was called Trophy Club of Orlando, but Meadowbrook is returning its original name.

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## PDI Permutations

**A**s D-Day approaches for the vote on GCSAA's Professional Development Initiative in February, the Membership Standards Resource Group (MSRG) has revised the proposal in accordance with feedback from its members. The key changes regard what it will take to become a Class A member:

- a combination of formal education, experience and points, including an alternative path for non-degree holders;
- a valid state pesticide license or a

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certification from the GCSAA in pesticide management;

- five points (50 hours) of education and service points (which would replace the original professional development units and will retain the equivalent of 0.1 point per contact hour) over a five-year period. At least two of the points must come from continuing education.

The changes in the education requirements are the result of criticisms that the original requirements were too costly. In addition, the original plan didn't offer any credit for

on-the-job experience.

"By awarding credit to any education program that meets our criteria, we have gone a long way to providing education that is affordable and accessible," said Ray Davies, CGCS and a member of the MSRG.

Class A members will be encouraged to use the Professional Development Resource (PDR), which was formerly called HR Web in the original proposal. Though it will not be mandated (as it had been when it was HR Web), it will still be required to achieve certification.

All Class A members will, by definition, meet the initial requirements to keep their classification and will only be responsible to meet ongoing requirements. Class B and C members won't have to meet the sliding scale requirement, but must meet minimal experience and points to obtain Class-A status.

Bruce A. Williams, MSRG chairman, encouraged members to contact their delegates to voice their opinions about the revised proposal.

There was talk at a recent GCSA chapter meeting that a movement is afoot to postpone the vote on PDI until 2002, but Jeff Bollig, GCSAA's director of communications, disputes the claim. "I am not sure of the nature of the rumblings, but the plans call for a vote in 2001 at Dallas, with implementation set for July 2003," Bollig said.

The language of the final proposal will be finalized in October.