

If your clippings are moving, chances are you have a weevil infestation.”

Zontek says superintendents should investigate wilting *Poa* to ensure the weevils aren't lurking. Oatis adds that weevils usually attack *Poa* and eat it before they move on to other turf species.

Tony Gustaitus, certified superintendent at Whitemarsh Valley GC in Eagleville, Pa., says he first noticed the discolored turf on his greens' collars in May.

“I remember talking to a fellow superintendent at a chapter meeting and telling him about the symptoms,” Gustaitus says. “I treated it for anthracnose for a month before the USGA visited my course and diagnosed the weevils.”

Once he got down on his hands and knees and took a closer look, the problem was obvious because he could see the larvae.

“It's just another curveball Mother Nature has thrown at us,” Gustaitus says. “It wasn't something I expected to see.”

Oatis says superintendents in the mid-Atlantic region should scout for the bugs in the spring. He recommends treating with two sprays of a non-thatch penetrating insecticide seven to 10 days apart in May to prevent the problem from spreading.

“They're not a bad pest to have around in small quantities because they can help thin out *Poa* stands in bentgrass greens,” Oatis says. “You can't be too cavalier about treating them, however, because they can do serious damage.”

GCSAA Wants to Increase Dues

Citing a difficult economy and decreased earnings, the GCSAA announced a proposal for a 20-percent dues increase beginning July 1 for fiscal year 2003-2004.

Under the proposal, Class A and superintendent member dues would increase from \$250 to \$300, and Class C assistant superintendent member dues would increase from \$125 to \$150. Members will vote on the proposal at the 2003 annual meeting in Atlanta.

If passed, the board would then approve corresponding increases in the remaining membership classes, including affiliate dues from \$250 to \$300, student and educator

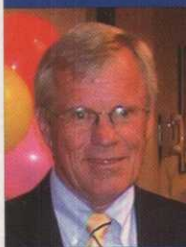


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“I hope Eb will drop us a line with an address. Perhaps Joe Duich will forward him some bentgrass seed to keep him active in his new life.”

—Bob Oechsle on the death of Eberhard “Eb” Steiniger, known as the dean of superintendents, who died last spring (*The Bonnie Greensward*).



“It's the last hurrah. I will never leave Austin — at least alive.”

—Veteran Doug Petersen, affirming that his last job as a superintendent will be at the Austin (Texas) CC.

“Just because grass is grass doesn't mean it can mate. I could compare it to a vegetable garden. Just because you have a row of tomatoes and a row of peppers, that doesn't mean that you'll harvest, in between, a row of salsa.”

—Jim King, a spokesman for *The Scotts Co.*, on the controversy surrounding Scotts' new Roundup-ready bentgrass (*The Baltimore Sun*).

dues from \$55 to \$65, and associate dues from \$125 to \$150. Retired and inactive classes would remain unchanged at \$70 and \$30.

The last increase was in 1997 when Class A dues increased from \$210 to \$250.

The GCSAA said the proposal comes on the heels of the economic downturn the past two years and its negative impact on the association's corporate earnings and related marketing budgets. GCSAA said the negative effect of the down investment markets has resulted in a projection of overall negative earnings for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The GCSAA also announced increased fees for seminars and the conference and show.