

tion of interactive graphics and faster Flow Optimizer processing. The software has been upgraded to Windows 32-bit standards and is compatible with all Genesis field controllers currently in use. Designed to accommodate all management styles, Genesis III can be utilized as a basic control program or "ramped up" to achieve more sophisticated water-management objectives. Interactive graphics now give superintendents the ability to view every hole on the course on screen. The graphic overview identifies "control zones" for irrigation programming changes.

For more information, contact 800-248-6561, www.hunterindustries.com or

CIRCLE NO. 203

Topdressers, aerators

Redexim Charterhouse offers its new line of topdressers. Models 1010 and 15210 are dual-mode topdressers functioning as drop spreaders using a rotary brush or, thanks to optional twin-spinning disks, as broadcast spreaders. The smaller unit, model 1010, is a trailed unit with four pivoting wheels and a capacity of 35.3 cubic feet. Model 1520, the

largest topdresser in the line, offers 70.6 cubic-foot capacity and a drop spreader width of five feet.

The company also offers a new line of core aerators, called Verti-Core. The aerators are available in three sizes: 4.2 feet, 5.6 feet and 6.9 feet.

For more information, contact 570-602-3058, www.redexim.com or

CIRCLE NO. 204

Expanded fungicide label

Chipco Professional Products from Aventis Environmental Science has expanded the label of Chipco Signature fungicide — the first significant label change since the product's introduction in 1997. The new label includes recommendations for the control of anthracnose and bentgrass deadspot, as well as new tankmix partners.

For more information, contact 800-438-5837 or

CIRCLE NO. 205

Sediment control

North American Green offers SedimentSTOP Biodegradable Filtration System, a sediment

control product designed to significantly reduce soil loss caused by stormwater runoff.

The product is 100 percent biodegradable and traps soil particles while allowing runoff water to pass through.

For more information, contact 812-867-6632, www.nagreen.com or

CIRCLE NO. 206

Soil Probe

Spectrum Technologies offers the new Field Scout TDR 300 soil moisture probe, a portable tool that helps users to gather information at several points across the field for a more comprehensive and accurate assessment of irrigation needs.

The Field Scout features an LCD display of soil moisture in two different modes. The volumetric water content mode indicates the percentage of water in the soil at the sampling depth. The relative water content mode does the same but reports the result relative to user-defined wet and dry soil set points.

For more information, contact 800-248-8873, www.specmeters.com or

CIRCLE NO. 207

Soil surfactant, etc.

Aquatrols recently introduced five new products:

- Primer Select is a soil surfactant that allows superintendents to select the application rate and frequency to match soil type and spray program preferences.

- PrimerSelect SWDG is a spreadable, water-dispersible granular (SWDG) carrier that is easier to spread and dissolves instantly when watered in, leaving no carrier residue.

- Aqueduct SWDG provides rapid recovery of localized dry spots and wet spots. It's easier to spread and dissolves instantly when watered in, leaving no carrier residue.

- Dispatch is the first in a line of water and energy-saving tools offering faster penetration and wetting times than that of competing products.

- Radiance is an algacide with a delivery system that allows it to quickly disperse uniformly through an entire body of water from one application point. It can prevent algae blooms for up to one month.

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Leaders

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California recently honored its award winners at the 2002 GCSANC Annual Meeting. Certified superintendent **Robert Costa**, who is vice president of golf course management for the Lombardo Group, was named Superintendent of the Year. **Denis Kerr** of The Golf Club at Quail Lodge in Carmel, Calif., won the award for Excellence in Turfgrass. Certified superintendent **Joseph Rodriguez** of Rossmoor (Calif.) GC won the George Santana Distinguished Service Award for his long-time commitment and service to the association. The Affiliate Merit Award was presented to company representative and affiliate member **Rex Gentry**, of H.V. Carter Co. in Livermore, Calif.



BASF appointed **Gerald E. Husemann** as senior sales specialist for its turf and ornamental group.

Certified superintendent **Bruce Williams** of Los Angeles CC established the Williams Leadership Endowment through the GCSAA Foundation. The endowment is intended to support continuing education for superintendents interested in pursuing leadership roles in golf course management at the local or national level.

The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation elected its 2002 slate of officers. They include **Mark Heinlein**, president of The Motz Group, Cleveland, as president; **John Mowat**, golf sales director for Century Equip-

Sticks for Kids Names Award Recipients

The Golf Course Builders Association of America named its Sticks for Kids scholarship recipients, who appear with the Sticks for Kids officers. (From left to right) **Marty Storch**, program director from Louisville, Ky.; **Jennifer Sterk**, program director from Omaha, Neb.; **Brad Schmidt**, president of Sticks for Kids Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.; **James Lardner**, recipient from Kentucky; **Leslie Pryor**, recipient from Kentucky; **Jim Kirchdorfer**, secretary of The Sticks for Kids Foundation; **Shanon Hardy**, recipient from Nebraska; and **Andrew Sexton**, recipient from Nebraska.



ment Co., Toledo, Ohio, as vice president; **George Furrer**, market sales representative for Lesco, Strongsville, Ohio, as treasurer; and **Glen Pottenger**, Green Velvet Sod Farms, Bellbrook, Ohio, as a member of the board of directors.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects awarded its 2002 Donald Ross Award to **Byron Nelson**.

Jeffrey Rutherford was named senior vice president and chief financial officer of Lesco.

Ron Horton was named director of golf at Heritage Rance Golf & CC in Fairview, Texas, by Western Golf Properties. The company also ap-

pointed **Kimberly Koehly** as its director of sales and marketing.

Todd Perkins joined Growth Products as a technical sales representative. Perkins represents the company in Florida.



Aquatrols announced the hire of **Mica Franklin** as a research agronomist.

The Golf Course Builders Association of America elected six new directors. The new directors include: **Ellen Davis**, Greensmix; **Sam Sakocius** of SAJO Golf; **Rob Stambaugh**, Quality Golf; **Bob Steele** of SEMA Golf; **Dennis Wagner** of Rain Bird Corp.; and **James York** of York Bridge Concepts. The association also elected the following members to assist new president **Phil Garcia** in his duties: **Tommy Sasser**, Wietz Golf International, president-elect; **Willie Slingerland**, Flowtronex PSI, secretary; and **Steve Christman** of Eagle Golf and Landscape Products, treasurer.

Precision Laboratories hired **Eric Johnson** as district manager, western district.

BASF named its 2002 Pendulum Award winners. They include: **Michael Caranci**, Candlewood CC, Whittier, Calif.; **Chris Carson**, Echo Lake CC, Westfield, N.J.; **Kevin Cavanaugh**, The Plantation at Ponte Vedra, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; **Robert Collins**, Cripple Creek Golf & CC, Dagsboro, Del.; **Vincent Keats**, Napa Valley CC in Napa, Calif.; **Bruce Packard**, Stockbridge GC, Stockbridge, Mass.; **Gerald Faubel**, Saginaw CC, Saginaw, Mich.; **Merrill Frank**, Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.; **David Hicks**, Robert Trent Jones GC at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.; **Jonathan Jennings**, Chicago GC, Wheaton, Ill.; **Anthony Mancuso**, Bellerive CC, St. Louis; and **Kevin Ross**, Country Club of the Rockies, Vail, Colo.

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NOTABLE ACHIEVERS

The following superintendents were recently certified: **Steve Jotzat**, Lost Dunes GC, Bridgman, Mich.; **Sean Van Hoose**, Kenton County GC, Independence, Ky.; **Glenn White**, Campbell's Scottish Highlands, Salem, N.H.; **Paul Winterbottom**, Quail Point GC, Medford, Ore.; **Michael Creech**, Northampton Valley CC, Richboro, Pa.

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country leisure

Often, when asking about leisure issues, people frequently assume the word "leisure" equals urbanity, ignoring those of us who perfected the art of country-time leisure.

Adolescent summers on a working farm on the plains of central Kansas afforded me countless opportunities to witness (and practice) a handful of activities mostly overlooked by urban sophisticates who believe blue cocktails make a bold statement.

Country revel begins with the simple pastime of porch sitting. The first step — placing one's backside on a chair and doing absolutely nothing — should present little challenge for most. The degree of difficulty, though, comes with choosing the proper equipment.

"Cussin' Paul Rohrer," as my grandmother called him, lived down the road piece. On our visits to our grandparents, we'd see him clad in overalls, plopped in a rusty kitchen chair with a spectacular array of items in front of him. By turns, Cussin' Paul would have within reach a transistor radio, farm implement magazines, Coors, a pocket knife, a pellet gun, a listless canine, slinky felines and a pile of weathered sticks.

Cussin' Paul, it must be stated, was a professional, and beginners should log plenty of practice time before attempting his breathtaking eight-item approach.

Whittling, a largely forgotten pas-

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time, routinely shaves away several hours, as well as giving adding artistry to your downtime. Ol' Jess, another neighbor who was as wizened as Cussin' Paul was foul-mouthed, constantly carried his whittling into Nickerson Farms for the daily morning and afternoon coffee klatsches hosted by my grandfather. Jess, a wizard with his knife, sculpted figures that eerily captured the angst of Norwegian painter and woodcarver Eduard Munch, whose paintings (including his most famous, *The Scream*) often dealt with issues like death and melancholia.

Despite the joys of whittling, no activity combines practicality with leisure quite as much as watching weather. Grandpa was the master of keeping his eye keen and his tongue ready with a witty weather aphorism.

Besides the classic, "Evening red and morning gray help the farmer on his

way; evening gray and morning red bring down rain upon his head," grandpa was particularly partial to the truism, "Ring around the moon, rain by noon. Ring around the sun, rain before night is done."

While the science behind such home-spun wisdom may be shaky, grandpa was often correct. Weather, my grandfather used to explain, will always be the great equalizer.

As a subject, weather remains the sure-fire entree into conversation with a stranger. Moreover, rapt attention to the weather encourages individuals to be prepared.

Most importantly, however, thorough knowledge of weather, and the ability to blather incessantly about it, serves as a shimmering shield in those social occasions when boorish souls verbally assault you.

So for those of you misguided souls who believe leisure can only be found in cities, I recommend you try some of our country-time leisure activities. You may find them a nice break from your frenzied city life.

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