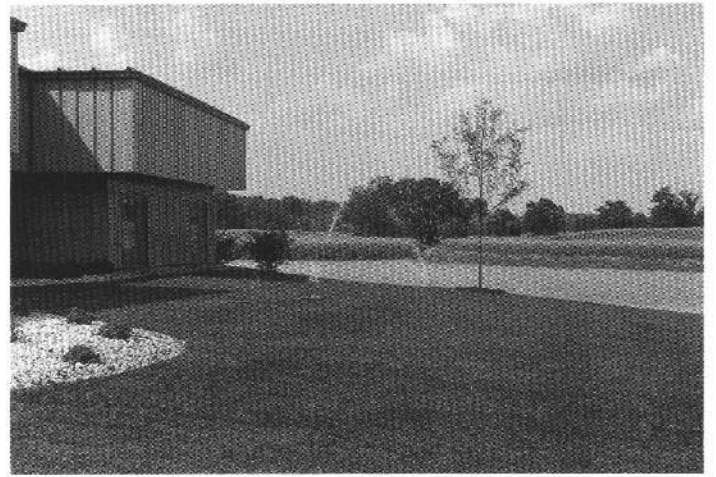




Stone wall construction and compaction of gravel base for the shop apron are taking place here on the west end of the building.



Tom Salaiz will have his hands full keeping thousands of yards of sod alive until it is firmly rooted.



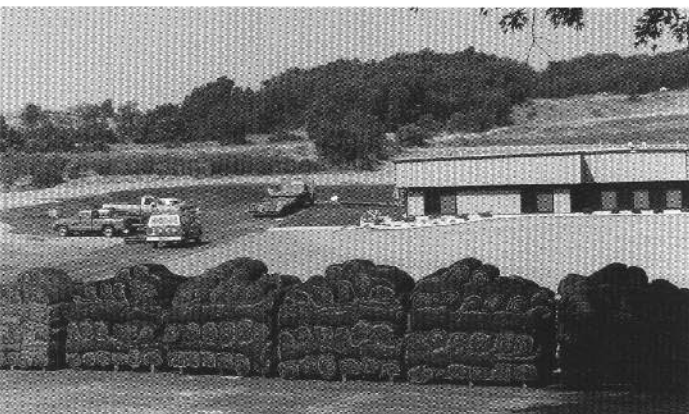
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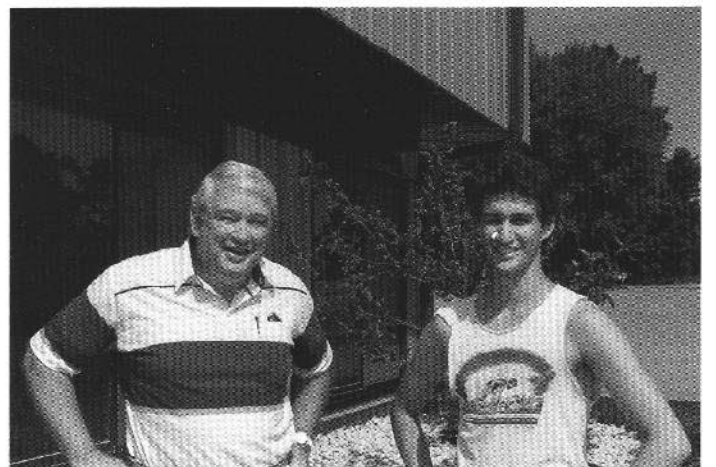
The front entrance, looking east to where the old buildings once stood.



Black silt loam soil was spread over the fill where the old buildings were only days previous.



All of the sod for the landscaping of the NOER facility was donated by the Wisconsin Sod Producers Association.



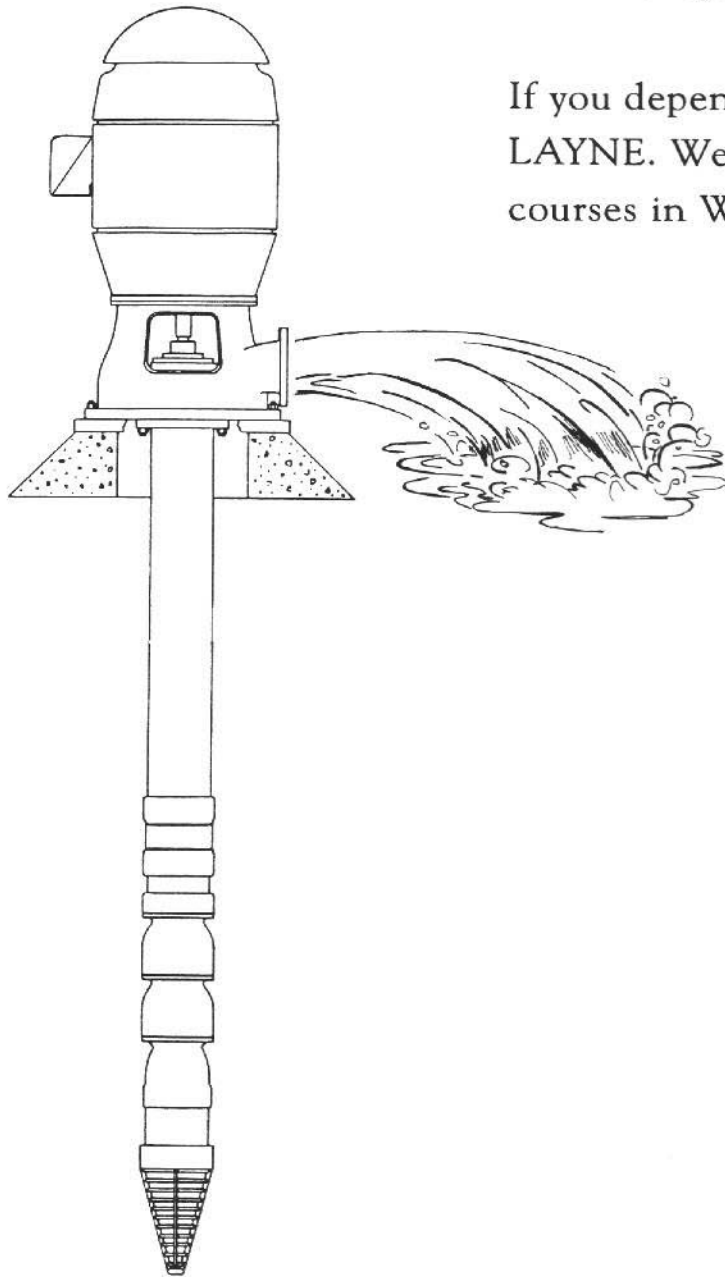
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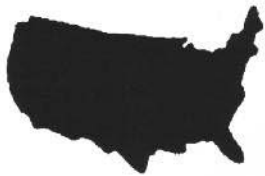
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IN PRAISE OF GOLF, and IN PRAISE OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

By Monroe S. Miller

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our feature this issue might better be titled "From State Golf Associates Across The Country."

Each piece below was authored by the executive director of a state golf association. The first was written by Wisconsin's own Gene Haas in response to a decision to eliminate golf as a sport in the Milwaukee Public High Schools. His eloquent plea to the school board serves as a reminder to many of us involved with golf how important the game can be.

The second article was penned by the executive director of the Georgia State Golf Association, Steve Mona. It appeared first in Vol. IV, No. 2 (Spring 1991) issue of GOLF GEORGIA. I read it in Vol. 27, No. 4 (July-August 1991) issue of CAROLINAS NEWSLETTER, which is edited by Dr. Landon Miller. Steve offered a needed reminder to the golfers of Georgia that needs an even wider audience. He offers credibility and an impartial view that certainly enhances the works of all golf course superintendents.

Both narratives appear here with permission.

SUPPORT YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

By Steve Mona

Executive Director Georgia State Golf Association

Within the golf industry, there is one profession deserving as much, if not more, support than all the rest—the golf course superintendent.

Why?

Simply put, all of the other organizations involved in the golf industry depend upon the golf course superintendent for their very existence.

Think about it.

Would there be golf cars, golf equipment, or tournament programs without golf courses? No. Without professional superintendents to maintain courses, golf doesn't exist. So it makes sense that all organizations and individuals who rely on golf for their livelihoods, or for leisure, support the profession that helps them enjoy their place in the world of golf.

First and foremost, let's recognize the golf course superintendent as an equal partner in the professional management of a golf club. The superintendent should be thought of in the same sense as a club manager or head golf professional—as much a part as they are of the management team that produces the finished product to the club member, one who should be equally well thought of in the eyes of the club members.

Second, let's remember that the golf course isn't self-maintaining. A mature, well-maintained golf course did not happen magically overnight, nor will its continued top-level maintenance be possible without the commitment of future budget dollars and manpower. Simply put, little elves do not take care of the course while the club member sleeps; rather, paid staff members using expensive equipment get the job done.

Third, do not forget what the course represents to the continued operation of the entire club. The swimming pool, tennis courts and restaurants cannot support the club. Would you even have a club if not for the golf course?

And, what would you do for recreation if you didn't have a golf club to which to belong? Would you alter the way you conduct business? Would you lose some of the "perks" that your job affords you?

If we agree on the answers to these questions, only one logical conclusion can be drawn: *We should all support our local golf course superintendents.*

June 18, 1991

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MILWAUKEE SCHOOL BOARD

SUBJECT: *ELIMINATION OF THE GOLF PROGRAM IN MILWAUKEE SCHOOLS*

Recently an article appeared in the *Milwaukee Journal*, referring to a statement made by Mr. Howard Fuller, who is the newly appointed Milwaukee School Administrator, recommending the elimination of the boys High School golf program effective in the Spring of 1992. Also recommended to be eliminated were the swimming and cross country programs. The main reason for their elimination is to help reduce expenditures of an already swelling school administrative budget.

We believe that at a subsequent "hearing" of interested school athletic officials both the swimming and cross country programs were "reinstated," but golf remains scheduled to be eliminated. One of the apparent reasons to continue swimming and cross country is that most school facilities already have swimming pools and facilities for running programs are easily obtained at minimal cost. The golf program requires the use of "non-controlled" facilities with a "user-cost" attached to it. Apparently, this "user-cost," along with other program expenditures, has made golf a program of the past. It is estimated that the cost is between \$300-500 per student participant.

Those of us who have dedicated our lives toward the introduction, development, sustenance and preservation of the game of golf are saddened by the proclamation to remove golf from the Milwaukee High School curriculum. We feel that this is a mistake. Golf to many of us is a part of our lives and we believe it will "touch" every student sometime in later life. It is growing rapidly each year with middle age and senior citizens taking up the game without any previous exposure. We would like to see golf become an even greater part of the High School physical education program so that students will become exposed to the game at an early age rather than wait until later years. High School competition enables the more "gifted" or competitive athlete the opportunity to display his or her talents with other athletes from different schools, just

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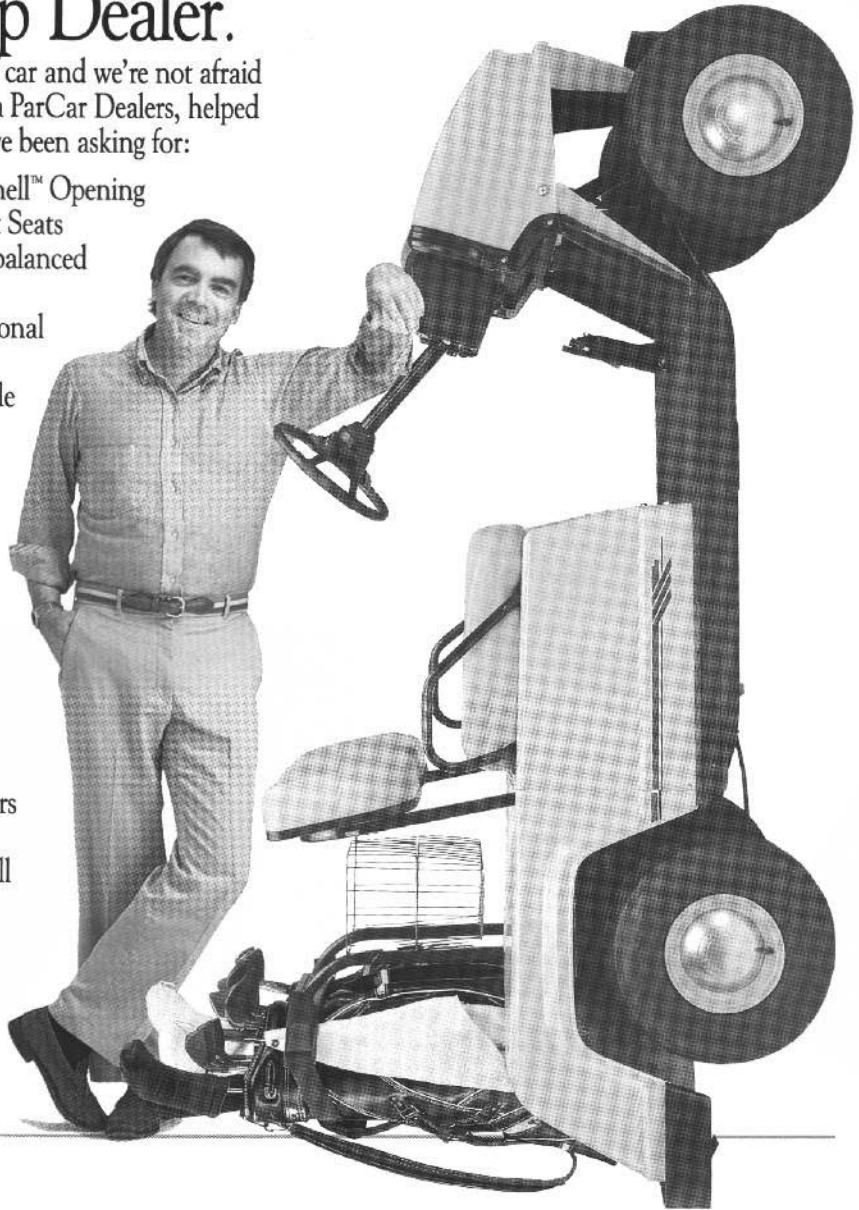
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as all the other competitive sports do. Elimination of this program will remove an important part of a "future" for many young hopefuls.

Every taxpayer is concerned about the escalating costs associated with education—be it faculty payrolls, athletic programs or whatever. Obviously, MPS has to deal with these programs and we have great empathy for your decision-making responsibilities. Naturally, we are hopeful that you will reconsider the elimination of golf from the High School athletic program so that every interested student will have the opportunity to learn and participate in this "game of a lifetime."

If there is any way that we "golfers" can assist in preserving the Milwaukee High School golf program we would like to offer our services and expertise so that developing golfers will not be deprived of an important part of their High School Educational and recreational process.

Eugene R. Haas
Executive Director, Wisconsin State Golf Association

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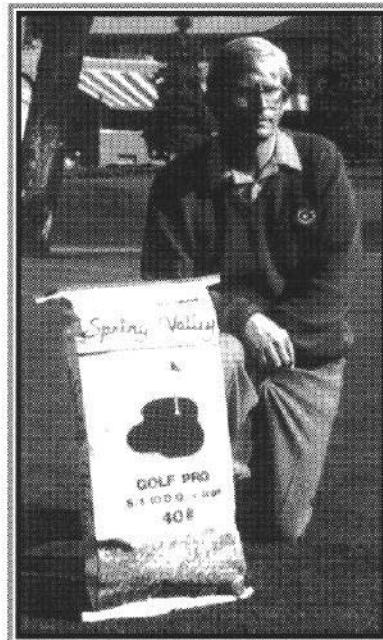
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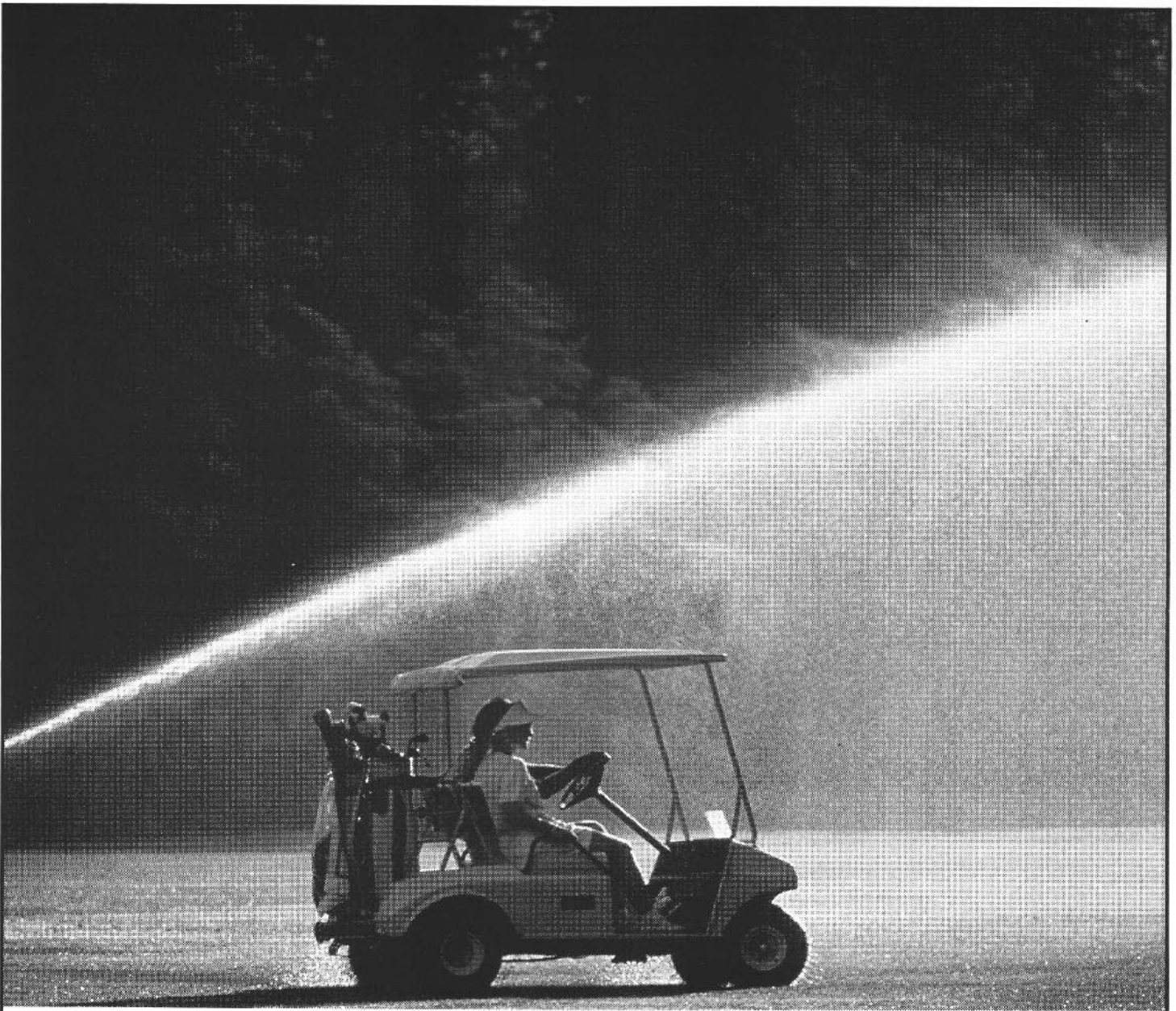
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Pesticide Application and Storage Key Elements in Environmental Forum

The requirements for the application and storage of pesticides will be more stringent in the near future. That's the message that came from a recent environmental forum hosted by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Arty Williams, chief of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Field Operations Division, said the requirements for people who apply restricted-use pesticides (RUPS)—especially certified applicators, will be getting tougher.

The proposed recommendations are based on a 1985 task report on the certification and training of RUP applicators. These recommendations reflect the need to address several areas of concern including groundwater protection, worker protection, endangered species protection, chronic toxicity of RUPs and waste and container disposal.

The federal law that covers pesticide application is the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). FIFRA's Section 3 requires that any pesticide classified by the EPA for restricted use "shall be applied only by or under the direct supervision of a certified applicator." Section 4 gives each state an opportunity to implement its own pesticide applicator program. Virtually every state has its own version of this program.

The new rules will require certified applicators to keep records of site-specific training, as well as show competency of non-certified applicators who are applying RUPs. In

addition, recertification will be required at least every five years for all certified applicators. Some states already have regulations similar to these. Williams said the final rule should be "on the streets" in 1992.

GCSAA Director Randy P. Zidik said, "A recent survey has shown that over 95 percent of all golf course superintendents have at least one certified applicator on staff. Many courses have more than one. Although these new requirements will be tougher, they shouldn't place more of a demand on the superintendent because many of them already have these record-keeping elements in place."

Dennis Howard of EPA's Environmental Effects and Fate Division next addressed the forum on pesticide storage. Regulations concerning pesticide storage and mixing/loading are still under development, Howard said, and are not expected to be effective until 1993 and 1994, respectively. The storage requirements are not expected to affect the majority of golf course superintendents because they would apply only to facilities that store 11,000 pounds or more of pesticide product.

Rinse pads will likely be required in areas where concentrated pesticides are routinely transferred. This regulation would affect golf courses that do most of their mixing in the same location.

"Even though the storage requirements may not affect golf course superintendents, they should provide good standards to those courses who are building or remodeling their pesticide storage facilities," said Zidik.

Mascoutin Hosts WGCSA June Meeting

Mascoutin Country Club was the site of the June 24th meeting of the WGCSA. The weather was absolutely perfect, a match for the golf course under the management of Glenn Gerth. He received compliments and praise all day for the excellent playing condition of the course.

After lunch, 80 golfers went out to test their skills with the following results:

Two Best Ball Foursome:

First Place—Dennis Robinson, Kelly Reilly, Kurt Bostack and Ralph Heckel - 120.

Second Place—Ed Devinger, John Feiner, Skip Wilms and Ed Schutte - 121.

Third Place—Kent Cobren, Mike Handrich, Steve Allen and Ric Lange - 122.

Low Gross—Skip Wilms, 74

Low Net—Kelly Reilly, 58

Closest to the pin on #4—Erv Graf

Closest to the pin on #8—Gren Kallenberg

Closest to the pin on #12—Tom Schaller

Closest to the pin on #17—Charlie Shaw

The WGCSA extends a special thanks to Glenn, his staff and the officials at Mascoutin Country Club for hosting their third meeting in recent years. That kind of generosity and hospitality is greatly appreciated.

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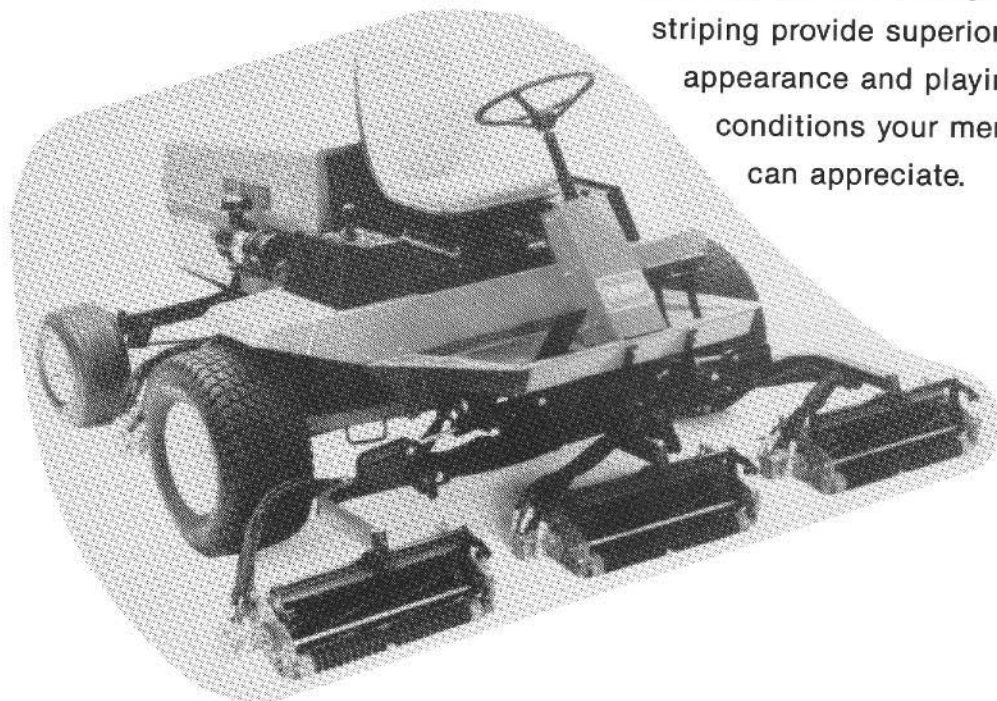
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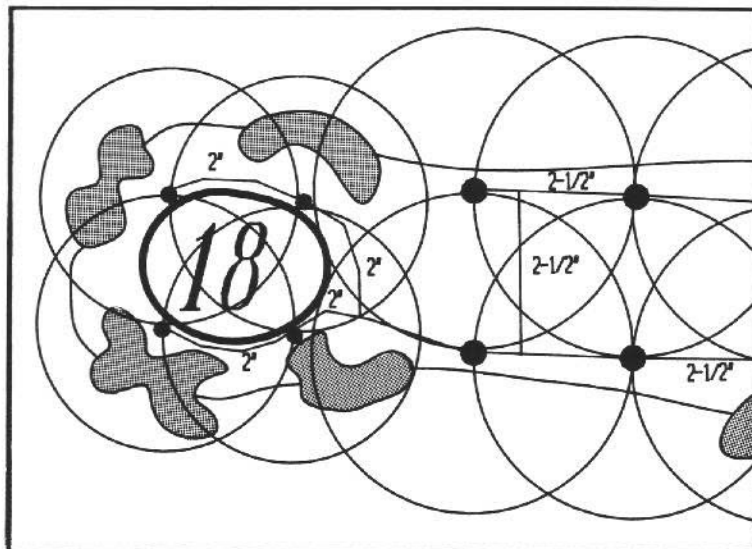
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USDA First-Year Bentgrass Evaluation Program Results Now Available

By Monroe S. Miller

One of the most interesting facets of our job, in my opinion anyway, is choosing specific varieties of grass seed from the primary genus/species we culture on our Wisconsin golf courses.

The bluegrasses have been especially interesting for the past 25 or so years. Starting with Merion Kentucky Bluegrass and right up to the most recent 1991 release, grass varieties offer some unique management opportunities.

In the March/April 1990 issue of *The Grass Roots*, Pat Zurawski wrote an article entitled "Bentgrass Variety Trials." In that piece he described an experiment he did in our nursery with bentgrass varieties. The results were interesting to us, and I've made variety choices based on what we saw. That article, by the way, was reprinted in several other chapter newsletters.

With that background, you can well imagine how interested I was in the first year results of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Turfgrass Evaluation Program for bentgrasses.

The USDA has tested bluegrasses, fescues, ryegrasses and Bermuda grasses for years. They didn't include bentgrasses because so few improved varieties were available.

As you well know, that has all changed. We now have quite a number of bentgrasses to choose from, and because of those choices the USDA initiated bentgrass trials.

Plots were established in 1989 at sites of all climates. Essentially all of the bentgrass varieties available on the market were included. Some from foreign markets and some in development were included, too.

The bentgrass varieties were tested on three different root zones: 1) fairway/tee, 2) native soil-green and 3) modified soil-green.

The tables that follow are composites of more than a dozen ratings, including color, vigor, leaf texture, spring, summer and fall density, percent living ground cover in summer and fall, winter color and disease resistance.

Keep in mind when you study these results that they are first-year results. Varieties commonly move up and down in rankings with time.

If you'd like a copy of this USDA report, request one from:

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Locations submitting data for the field trials follow, with Code name, type of soil and pH:
AL1: Auburn University, Ala., sandy loam, 4.6-5.5; BC1: Agassiz, British Columbia, sandy clay loam, 5.6-6.0; FL1: West Palm Beach, Fla., sand, 6.6-7.0; GA1: Griffin, GA, sand, 5.6-6.0; IL1: Carbondale, Ill., silty clay and clay, 6.1-6.5; IN1: W. Lafayette, Ind., silt loam and silt, 7.1-7.5; KS2: Wichita, Kan., sandy loam, 6.6-7.0; KY1: (for modified green): Lexington, Ky., sand, 7.1-7.5; KY1: (for fairway/tee): Lexington, Ky., silt loam and silt, 6.1-6.5; LA1: Baton Rouge, La., loamy sand, 4.6-5.5; LA2: Calhoun, La., sandy loam, 6.1-6.5; MA1: Deerfield, Mass., sand, 6.1-6.5; MI1: East Lansing, Mich., N/A, 7.1-7.5; MS1: Mississippi State, sand, 6.1-6.5; NJ1: North Brunswick, N.J., loam, 6.1-6.5; NJ3: Martinsville, N.J., N/A; NY1: Ithaca, N.Y., sandy loam, 5.6-6.0; OH2: Marysville, Ohio, silty clay loam, N/A; OR3: (for native green): Halsey, Ore., silt loam and silt, 4.6-5.5; OR3: (for fairway/tee): Halsey, Ore., sandy loam, 4.6-5.5; OR4: Corallis, Ore., silty clay and clay, 5.6-6.0; OR5: Tangent, Ore., silt loam and silt, 6.1-6.5; RI1: (for native green): Kingston, R.I., silt loam and silt, 6.1-6.5; RI1: (for fairway/tee): Kingston, R.I., silt loam and silt, 6.1-6.5; TX1: (for modified green): Dallas, Texas, sand, 7.6-8.5; TX1: (for fairway/tee): Dallas, Texas, silty clay and clay, 7.6-8.5; UB1: Beltsville, Md., loam, 4.6-5.5; VA5: Riverbend CC, Fairfax, Va., silty clay loam, 6.1-6.5; WA1: Pullman, Wash., silt loam and silt, 6.1-6.5; WA3: (for modified green): Puyallup, Wash., sand, 5.6-6.6; WA3: (for fairway/tee): Puyallup, Wash., sandy loam, 5.6-6.0;

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Fairway/Tee National Bentgrass Test

Name	IN1	KS2	KY1	NJ1	NJ3	OH1	OR4	OR5	RI1	TX1	UB1	VA5	WA3	Mean
*Providence	7.1	8.4	7.8	7.3	6.5	5.9	7.5	5.3	6.0	2.8	7.3	5.4	6.0	6.4
*Forbes 89-12	7.0	8.3	7.5	6.2	5.9	6.3	6.9	6.0	5.7	3.5	6.9	5.2	5.7	6.2
*Penncross	7.1	8.3	7.0	5.5	5.2	6.7	5.9	7.0	5.5	3.0	5.8	6.1	5.7	6.0
WVPB 89-D-15	6.6	8.0	7.3	6.7	6.2	5.9	6.3	6.3	5.7	2.7	6.6	4.4	5.3	6.0
*Penneagle	7.2	7.9	7.1	6.3	5.4	6.7	5.6	6.3	5.7	2.8	6.4	5.3	5.1	6.0
*Putter	7.0	8.1	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.9	4.7	5.6	2.3	6.4	5.6	6.3	6.0
*Normarc 101	6.9	7.9	7.0	6.4	5.4	6.2	6.1	5.0	5.4	3.5	6.3	5.1	5.0	5.9
*Cobra	6.8	7.8	7.0	6.2	5.7	6.1	5.4	6.0	5.6	2.0	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.8
*SR 1020	7.0	8.1	6.8	6.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	3.3	5.4	2.3	6.3	4.7	5.6	5.7
88.CBL	-	8.0	7.2	6.3	-	-	-	-	5.6	2.2	6.4	4.9	5.0	5.7
TAMU 88-1	6.6	7.9	6.7	4.9	-	6.1	5.3	6.0	4.9	2.5	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.5
*National	6.8	7.9	6.4	4.4	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.7	4.8	2.8	6.2	4.3	4.5	5.4
*Emerald	6.5	7.6	6.5	4.2	4.4	5.4	5.6	6.3	5.2	2.7	5.1	5.7	5.1	5.4
*Carmen	6.7	7.0	6.8	4.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.1	2.0	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.4
88.CBE	-	-	7.2	6.5	-	-	-	-	5.5	2.2	6.4	5.0	4.9	5.4
*Bardot	5.6	5.9	6.9	5.0	4.2	5.0	5.5	6.7	5.7	2.3	5.2	5.3	6.3	5.3
*Egmont	5.2	6.3	6.5	4.6	3.9	4.3	5.5	7.0	5.7	1.8	5.4	5.0	6.0	5.2
*Tracenta	5.6	5.6	7.2	4.8	4.1	4.2	5.1	5.0	5.4	1.3	5.4	5.3	6.2	5.0
Allure	4.8	5.1	5.9	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.7	6.3	5.3	1.3	3.7	3.9	5.9	4.5
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Name	FL1	GAI	KY1	LA1	MA1	MI1	MS1	TX1	WA3	Mean
*Normarc 101	-	6.3	6.6	6.8	7.6	7.5	5.9	4.2	4.0	6.1
*SR 1020	4.9	6.0	6.2	6.2	8.1	7.2	5.7	3.9	4.7	5.9
*Putter	4.8	5.3	6.3	5.7	7.8	6.7	5.1	4.5	5.8	5.8
88.CBE	5.6	5.8	6.3	6.1	7.7	7.5	4.8	3.3	4.8	5.8
*Providence	4.0	5.8	7.4	5.7	7.2	7.7	5.7	3.3	4.8	5.7
*Penncross	5.0	6.3	5.9	6.0	7.2	7.2	5.1	3.6	5.3	5.7
*Pennlinks	4.7	5.8	6.0	5.7	7.0	6.7	5.5	3.8	5.7	5.6
WVPB 89-D-15	5.3	5.8	5.8	6.4	6.9	6.0	5.3	3.4	5.2	5.6
88.CBL	4.3	6.2	5.9	5.5	7.2	7.5	5.5	3.1	4.8	5.6
*Cobra	3.7	5.3	6.3	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.3	4.2	4.5	5.5
TAMU 88-1	4.1	5.3	6.1	6.4	6.8	6.2	4.9	3.8	5.3	5.4
MSCB-8	4.4	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.8	6.2	5.5	3.8	4.3	5.4
*Forbes 89-12	4.3	5.5	6.2	5.9	7.0	6.0	5.2	3.4	4.7	5.3
UM 84-01	5.6	6.7	5.4	5.5	5.2	6.3	4.5	3.7	5.0	5.3
*Carmen	4.3	6.0	5.4	5.8	7.1	6.2	4.9	2.8	5.0	5.3
MSCB-6	4.1	-	6.2	5.4	5.9	6.3	5.8	3.4	4.3	5.2
*Emerald	3.2	5.7	6.2	5.4	6.3	5.5	4.0	-	4.8	5.1
*National	4.6	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.4	2.9	4.7	4.9
*Bardot	3.4	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.7	1.5	4.8	-	6.5	4.6
*Egmont	2.9	3.5	5.2	5.2	7.0	1.7	4.5	-	6.3	4.5
*Tracenta	4.3	3.8	4.2	5.3	5.0	1.2	4.3	-	6.7	4.3
Allure	4.0	3.7	3.0	5.0	5.3	1.2	3.9	-	6.3	4.0
BR 1518	2.2	4.3	3.8	4.3	4.8	1.0	3.9	2.8	5.3	3.6
LSD VALUE	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.1	0.5

Native Soil - Green National Bentgrass Test

Name	AL1	BC1	IL1	LA2	NJ1	NJ3	NY1	RI1	WA1	WA2	Mean
*Forbes 89-12	6.3	6.3	7.2	5.6	6.8	4.2	7.8	5.8	4.3	6.0	6.0
*Providence	5.2	6.0	6.8	5.7	7.2	4.0	7.3	6.2	4.3	5.7	5.8
WVPB 89-D-15	6.2	6.3	6.0	5.3	7.3	4.3	7.0	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.8
88.CBL	5.7	6.1	6.9	5.3	6.4	4.5	7.3	5.7	5.0	4.5	5.7
*Putter	4.3	6.0	7.3	5.4	6.0	4.1	7.0	6.1	5.0	5.8	5.7
*Penncross	5.9	6.5	6.9	5.7	5.9	4.1	7.0	5.1	4.3	5.2	5.6
88.CBE	5.6	5.9	6.5	5.7	6.9	4.8	6.7	5.3	4.3	4.5	5.6
*Cobra	4.8	6.1	6.5	5.3	6.3	4.5	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.6
*Pennlinks	5.2	6.1	6.8	5.4	5.9	3.5	6.0	5.4	5.0	6.0	5.5
*Normarc 101	5.5	6.3	6.4	5.6	5.7	4.3	6.7	5.8	4.3	4.7	5.5
*SR 1020	4.6	6.0	6.7	4.8	6.5	3.9	6.3	5.1	5.0	4.4	5.3
*Egmont	5.8	6.0	4.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.1
*Bardot	5.7	6.4	4.5	5.0	4.7	3.7	6.2	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.1
*Emerald	4.8	6.3	6.9	4.3	4.4	3.9	5.8	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.1
*Tracenta	5.7	6.0	4.9	5.0	4.5	3.8	4.8	4.5	6.0	5.2	5.0
*Carmen	4.5	6.0	6.9	4.8	5.5	3.9	5.0	5.2	3.3	4.5	5.0
*National	4.9	6.1	6.5	4.3	4.4	3.5	5.5	5.7	3.7	4.5	4.9
Allure	6.1	6.2	4.7	4.9	3.0	3.1	3.8	4.7	5.3	4.7	4.7
BR 1518	5.7	5.4	4.4	5.2	2.3	2.3	4.5	4/1	5.7	2.2	4.2
LSD VALUE	1.0	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.2	0/7	1.2	0.9	0.3

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