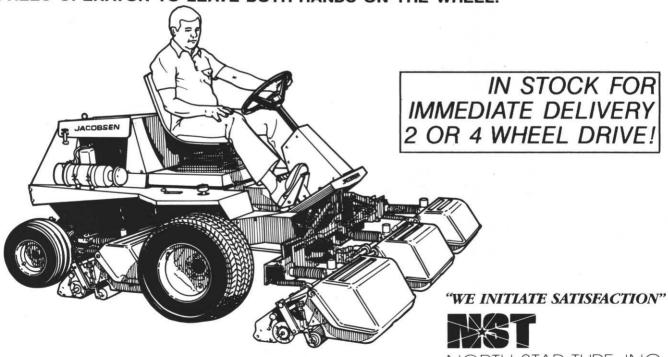
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here Are Videos About Employee Right-To-Know Law And Working With Pesticides



I have had several calls about what to do about the Employee Right to Know Law. In this regard, I have located a local company that has a good generic video with supportive maerials. Furthermore, it covers *all* of a club's staff, not just the grounds department.

This company is On-Site Environmental Services, 7308 Aspen Lane North, Suite 144, Minneapolis, MN 55428 (612) 493-3424. Available is a 55-minute, live-action video covering three major areas of concern: (1) OSHA Employee Right to Know; (2) EPA Hazardous Waste Management and (3) OSHA Respirator Protection.

The cost is \$189, plus tax and shipping. Supportive materials include a safety data sheet binder and a training materials binder. Your MCGCS Executive Committee has reviewed this video and feels that it will cover our needs.

In addition, the Idea Bank, Santa Barbara, Calif., has a video set on working with pesticides. This four-volume set (15 minutes each) covers Storage Disposal, Clothing, Equipment and Environmental Safety, Calibration, Mixing, Sprayer Operation and Application and Maintenance Guidelines. It is priced at \$295. Write The Idea Bank, 2716 Exeter Place, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 or call 1-800-621-1136. This company also has several other videos on job and equipment safety. Please call me if you have any questions.

With Board approval, I have appointed two associate members to act as liaisons to the Board of Directors from our Industrial Relations Committee. Glenn Rasmussen, MTI Distributing Co., Inc., and Dan Miller, North Star Turf, will keep our association in contact with our associate members. Thank you, gentlemen, for willfully donating your time and talents. It is appreciated.

The March Mini-Seminar is coming up soon. Kevin Clunis and the Education Committee have put together a great program for us, so plan to be at the Lafayette Club on March 21. And don't forget the GCSAA Regional Seminar, also at Lafayette, on March 19-20....Our thanks to Woodhill Country Club and host superintendent Rick Fredericksen for the hospitality at the January monthly meeting.

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Woodhill photos in this issue by Dale Wysocki

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WORK PLAN

Baker Park Course Leachate Study

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I. Introduction

Historically, a wide variety of pesticides and fertilizers have been applied to golf courses in order to maintain high-quality turf on greens and fairways. Because of the perceived heavy use of these chemicals, golf courses have been implacated as a significant source of contaminants entering surface and groundwater. The location of many golf courses adjacent to waterbodies has exacerbated this problem by making lakes and streams the direct receiving body of golf course runoff. Any deterioration in water quality is at least partially blamed on the golf course. Unfortunately, accurate data regarding the type and quantity of contaminants in golf course runoff water is generally not available.

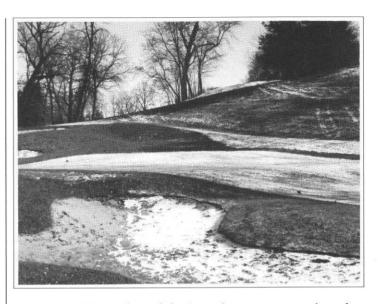
In order to assess the impact of golf courses on water resources, Hennepin Parks, the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Hurdzan Design Group are funding a study project with the following objectives.

- 1. Determine the quantity and quality of subsurface runoff from a golf course green.
- 2. Determine a suitable treatment system to remove contaminants from golf course green leachate water.
- 3. Inform golf course operators and the public of the project results.

II. Study Site

The Baker Golf Course is located within Baker Park Reserve, approximately 20 miles west of Minneapolis. Baker Park Reserve is one of seven reserves managed by the Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District. The golf course contains numerous wetlands and is adjacent to Spurzem Lake. During the renovation of the golf course in 1989, an underdrain tile system was installed in the green on the 7th hole. Leachate from the green is collected by the underdrain system and discharged into an adjacent manhole. The manhole was constructed to allow for the installation of flow monitoring and sampling equipment on the inflow and outflow pipes (Figure 1).

Leachate flow from the green will be monitored continuously during rainfall events and while irrigation of the green is occurring. Water quality samples will be collected from the underdrain system during four rainfall events and three irrigation events in 1990.



Samples will be collected during rainstorms occurring after the application of pesticides and/or fertilizer to the green. A normal schedule of pesticide and fertilizer application will be maintained during the study period. In the event that the current drought extends into 1990, the irrigation system will be used to simulate natural rainfall events for sample collection purposes.

The water samples will be analyzed for all pesticides and fertilizers which are currently being used on the golf course greens. A partial list of these products is shown in Table 1 below:

Table I

Trade Name BAYLETON 25 Generic Pesticide Name/ Active Ingredient Triazole

Chlorothalonil

3336-F Thioallophante Ethyl FUNGO 50 Thiophanate-Methyl Chloroneb TERSAN SP Propamocarb hydrochloride BANOL Benomyl TERSAN 1991 Isofenphos OFTANOL 2 Metalaxyl SUBDUE 2E DACTHAL W-75 Chlorothal

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CHIPCO 26019 Iprodione TERRACLOR Pentachloronitrobenzene RUBIGAN Fenarimol **SPOTTRETE** Thiram DYRENE Anilazine Inert ingredient **Xylene** CALO-CLOR Mercury CADMIUM CHLORIDE Cadmium PAR Ex Phosphorus PAR Ex Nitrogen

The product list may be expanded to include new chemicals which will replace those currently being used.

The monitoring of one season of runoff will provide data on the types and quantities of chemicals leaching from the green. A suitable treatment system can then be designed to remove the contaminants detected in the runoff water. However, the project funding and proposed work schedule will involve only the collection of runoff data during 1990.

III Work Schedule

	111	MIDIN	Schedule		
Task				Completion	Date

Purchase sampling equipment
 Select equipment type
 Prepare bids

- Select supplier

November 1989 December 1989 January 1990 Select analytical laboratory
 Prepare RFP

- Prepare contract documents 3. Install sampling equipment

- Construct weirs in flow lines
- Construct sampler housing units
- Calibrate flow meter

4. Collect flow data

Recalibrate meter as necessary
Monitor meter operation
Collect water quality data

Activate sampler for rainfall and irrigation events
 Transport samples to laboratory

6. Analyze dataCalculate total runoff from green

 Calculate quantity of contaminants lost from green
 Prepare report

 Send draft report out for review and comment

 Final report to Association of Golf Course Supervisors May-August 1990 May-August 1990 May-August 1990 May-August 1990 September 1990

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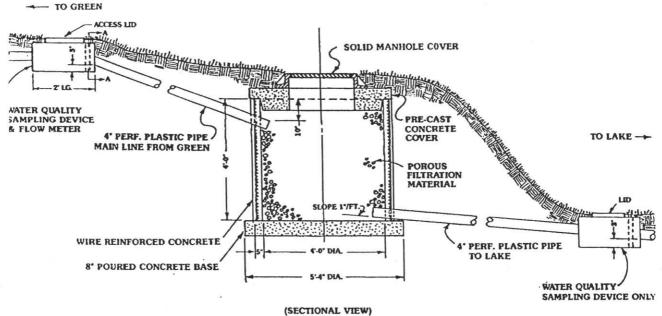
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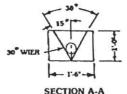
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All project tasks, except laboratory analysis, will be completed by Hennepin Parks staff. Design of the underdrain system and the manhole was

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An era of change. From the ground up.

In the past few years, our industry has seen an incredible amount of change in management tools, government regulations, employee considerations, quality demands and amount of play. I'm sure each of these objects creates a certain mental image for you. New chemicals and equipment. Irrigation systems. OSHA. FIFRA. Wage issues. Shotgun starts. Wear patterns. Stimp meters. Etc.

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But, before these new species come along to both brighten and complicate our lives, today's turf manager must rely on five distinct grasses to create and maintain the proper turf to play on and to add aesthetic touches. They are bentgrass, tall fescue, fine fescue, ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass. Each grass has its own unique characteristics. Each has strong and weak points. And, each has its own variables that the savvy turf manager takes into account.

You will make your turf maintenance job easier or more difficult by the grass choices you make when initially planting an area or when renovating an area.

For example, it would be nearly impossible for you to establish good turf at the end of

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a cart path if you chose a grass that couldn't cope with traffic. You could modify the soil, change the cutting height, use a different type or amount of fertilizer, adjust the timing of fertilization, and alter the watering frequency or amount of water used. You can try them all, but, if the plants in the area don't like traffic, all your efforts would probably be met with bare soil.

And as you well know, traffic is just one of the things you have to consider when dealing with a specific turf area. Soil type, desired mowing height, fertility levels, watering practices, exposure, disease pressure, quality demands and other factors will affect a particular area of turf. That's why you need to know as much about your choices as possible.

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IDEAS, IDEAS!

BY JOHN HARRIS, CO-EDITOR

As co-editor of *Hole Notes*, I would like to introduce our three Regional Reporters: "Boots" Fuller, Southern Region; James Wodash, Western Region, and Scott Hoffmann, Northern Region. I will cover the Metro Region.

The purpose of a Regional Reporter is to place an extra set of eyes and ears around the state. If one of these gentlemen should approach you for an article, or a statement, please give them some of your time and ideas.

We also have an information check list form provided by Turtinen Communications. This form lists a number of pertinent issues that make up an event or a human interest story. If you should be contacted by phone or be asked to fill out this form, please take the time to do so. This makes it possible for us to add the rhetoric based on the description and/or answers given.

Each of us has our own unique situations. We, as course superintendents, come up with a menagerie of homemade tools, equipment and methods to meet the challenge. I have had the pleasure of walking into many a golf course maintenance facility and, on

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Complicated or simple, these ideas may be of value to your associates. Write about them.

For example, Fred Taylor saw a white board. He felt that it would be of some help in organizing staff. Nothing unusual about a maintenance facility have a board to organize the ongoing tasks of the day.

However, he put his thoughts on paper and shared it with everyone. He

told us that, with a little ingenuity, you too, can have one of these. As we all know, Fred won the 1st Annual James Watson Jouralism Award. It was about a white board.

Look around your facility and write down your ideas, or pick up the phone, call a regional reporter and say "guess what I saw today."

We all have ideas. Pat yourself on the back and say (on paper), "Lookie what I got. Try it, you'll like it."

-John Harris, Co-Editor

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