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I want to thank Dale Wysocki for his past years of service on the MGCSA Board and his dedication as editor of *Hole Notes*. Dale resigned from the Board at the end of September due to his work load at Faribault.

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This is a difficult paragraph for me to write, but I have a message to get out. We, as superintendents and associates, owe each other 100% respect. We are not all the same, nor do we want to be, but how we treat others should be looked at from time to time. Each morning when you look in the mirror, smile... and treat everyone with whom you come in contact that day—be it on the phone or in person—with the dignity and respect you want for yourself. And you just might get it. Don't forget, there is no one in this entire membership, regardless of his or her classification, that is any better than anyone else.

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Are you planning a good, comprehensive control program for your turf in 1995? Great idea. But if you're smart, you already started on it this Fall. That's when the best cool-season turf managers lay the groundwork for fewer weed problems come Spring.

Healthy dense turf goes a long way toward keeping weeds out. If your turf went into the Winter in good shape, barring any heavy Winterfill it should be in prime condition to fend off most intrusive species.

"Where I would expect to find weeds is where the turf is in bad shape coming off this Winter," said Tom Voigt, extension turfgrass specialist at the University of Illinois.

But areas of the Midwest soaked by heavy flooding won't necessarily be doomed to heavy weed infestation—if you were able to get on your turf to work on it. "Most of our wet weather occurred during the Summer, so those who worked in the Fall to get their turf in shape have a good chance of coming out of it in decent shape," he said.

His advice: Go out early in the season to ascertain the condition of turf, in areas where you most expect trouble. "The areas where turf is thin are optimal for weed invasion," Voigt said.

Annual grasses like crabgrass and broadleaf weeds like knotweed are among the first culprits to show up in the Spring. They are extremely opportunistic, muscling in where turf is poor and spotty.

Use a good preemergent herbicide just before crabgrass first germinates, but if you're planning to overseed thin spots, be choosy about your preemergent, Voigt said. Siduron (Tupersan) is about the only option for avoiding injury to newly seeded cool-season turfgrass, he said.

If turf is healthy and had little crabgrass or goosegrass problem last year, and you won't be overseeding, another method of controlling annual grasses is to use no preemergent. Wait to see where grassy weeds come in, then hit those spots with a postemergent effective on grasses such as Dimension (dithiopyr) or Acclaim (tenoxyprop), Voigt suggested. "If you're comfortable with the quality of your turf, you may be willing to just wait and use a postemergent," he said.

Broadleaf Control

Broadleaf control with a postemergent containing a phenoxy or dicamba should be applied when weeds are actively growing. Chemicals are more easily absorbed then and, once weeds are killed, the turfgrass can fill in the gaps quickly.

"People complain that their herbicides didn't work," Voigt said. "But if the right herbicide is used on the right weed, application is usually the problem. The timing is critical—you want to make sure the weeds are actively growing for it to work."

If temperatures are too warm for cool-season turf to grow, discoloration and failure to control weeds may result, he said. Earlier in the season, when temperatures are cooler,

ester formulations should work fine, but as temperatures warm and volatility is a problem, less-volatile amino formulations are a better choice.

And, of course, reading the label and learning the biology of turfgrass and the weeds themselves are essential. "For example, many perennial broadleaves that are cool season, such as dandelions, follow growth cycles similar to turfgrass," Voigt said. "So when your bluegrass lawn is growing actively so are the dandelions, and that's when you want to apply controls."

A good weed control program doesn't disappear come Fall. "You can do a whole lot of good in the Fall," Voigt said. Many perennial cool-season weeds are once again going through an active growth period. And there's less chance that drift or volatilization will harm other plants.

A cold, dry Winter will probably result in late-germinating Winter annuals in the transition zone, said Dr. Dennis Martin, extension turf specialist at Oklahoma State University. "I think people who put Roundup on early over the dormant bermudagrass are going to be surprised," he said.

Martin said a postemergent herbicide applied at the same time as preemergent crabgrass herbicide will help.

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"We have always recognized Turfco topdressers as the standard in the turf industry," said Dan Miller, president of North Star Turf. "Joining forces with Turfco will allow us to better serve our valued customers, both in golf and sports turf applications. We look forward to working with the fine people at Turfco and we're excited about providing our customers with one of the industry's best topdressers."

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North Star Turf Earns Jacobsen Service Award

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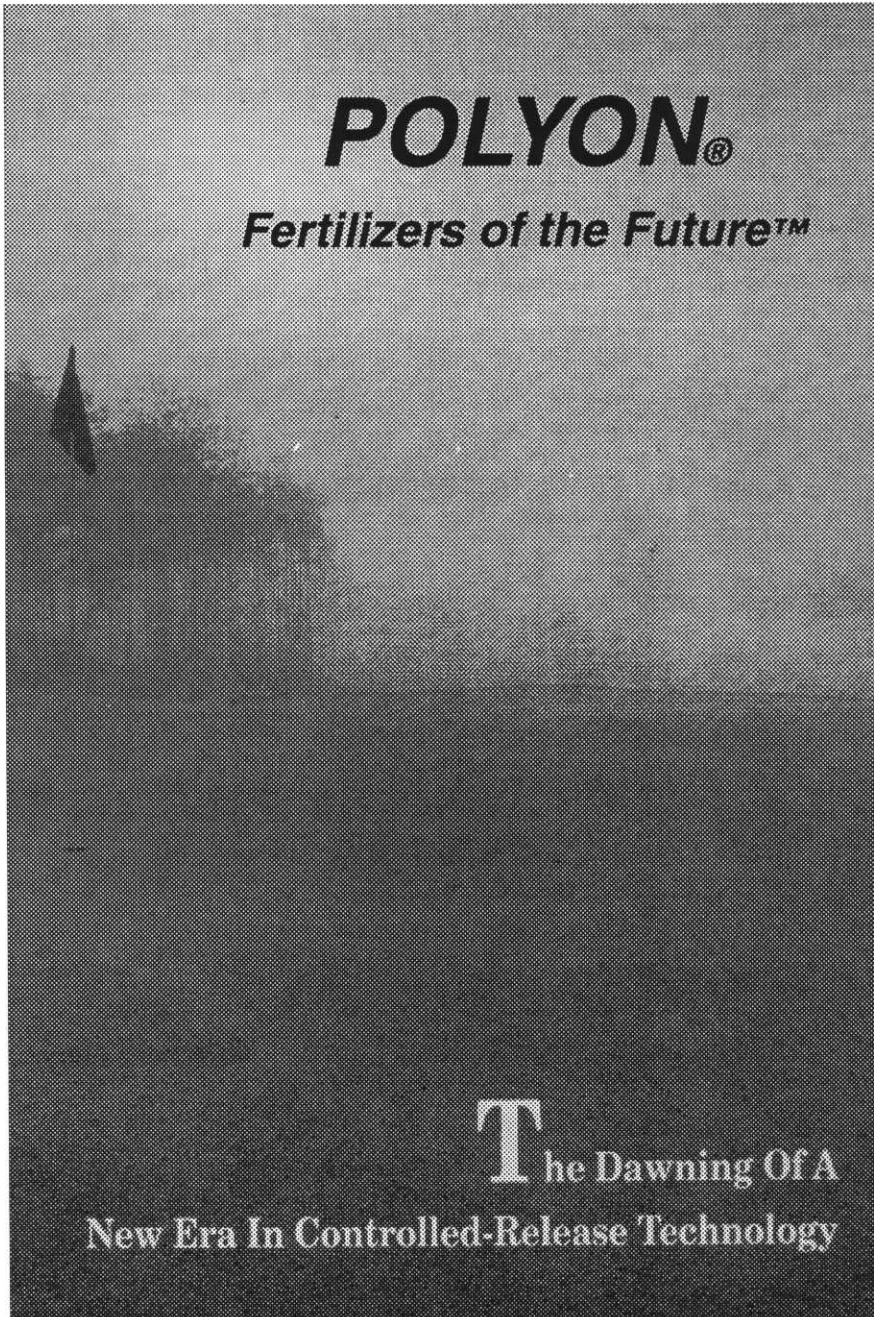
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GCSAA's Conference And Show Heads To San Francisco

An estimated 15,000 to 16,000 golf industry professionals are expected to attend the 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show, Feb. 20-27, 1995, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. The event, which is the largest in the golf course management industry, is hosted annually by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The week will include nearly 80 educational seminars, sessions and forums; a three-day trade show, which is expected to fill 190,000 square feet of the center; a gala banquet featuring the presentation of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award; the association's annual meeting and election of officers, and the 1995 GCSAA Golf Championship.

Conference week opens with the annual GCSAA Golf Championship, which will be played Feb. 20-21 at five courses on the Monterey Peninsula. A field of up to 480 will compete for individual and chapter team honors in the national tournament. Beginning in 1995, GCSAA's golf championship will be presented in partnership with The Toro Company.

Many of the educational and professional development needs of golf course superintendents will be covered in the 60 one- and two-day seminars that will be offered during the first four days of the conference, Feb. 20-24. Seminars

will address issues ranging from environmental responsibility to personal stress management.

Concurrent education sessions and special-interest forums are scheduled Feb. 24-27. Half-day programs hosted by allied associations, including the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the American Zoysiagrass Association, the Golf Course Builders Association of America and the United States Golf Association Green Section, round out the conference portion of the week.

Rocky Bleier, legendary running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, will keynote the Opening Session on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the San Francisco Marriott.

More than 650 companies that manufacture and distribute golf and turf industry products, supplies and services are expected to exhibit at the trade show, which will run Feb. 25-27, at the Moscone Center. A record 671 exhibitors showcased their products and services during the 1994 show in Dallas.

A headline performance by recording artist Anne Murray will provide entertainment at the formal closing banquet on Monday, Feb. 27.

The highlight of that gala evening will be the presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award, GCSAA's highest honor. This year's award will be presented to turf industry giant Dr. James Watson. Previous recipients of the award include Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, Patty Berg and Byron Nelson.

The 1994 conference and show in Dallas drew 15,386 people. More than 1,300 of those attending were international visitors and guests, representing more than 50 countries and territories outside the United States.



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Chapter Reps Meet At GCSAA Headquarters

Representatives from more than 70 golf course superintendent associations across North America met in Lawrence, Kan., at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) national office to share their ideas and views with members of GCSAA's Board of Directors and a special chapter relations planning resource group.

This year's Chapter Relations meeting, held Sept. 25-26, 1994, focused on continued improvement in ties between affiliated chapters and GCSAA, a key component of the association's strategic plan for 1994-95. Representatives participated in an open-forum discussion, giving GCSAA leadership input from the grassroots of the association.

"This meeting helped create a solid foundation for positive and cooperative relations from this point forward," said GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS. "A new level of trust has been established from which we can build future successes."

Gary Grigg, CGCS, GCSAA's vice president and chairman of the Chapter Relations Planning Resource Group, added: "The board has set chapter relations as a priority. This meeting furnished proof of this commitment. The chapter representatives were very responsive to the GCSAA-chapter initiative and we now have some momentum."

The agenda also included a "State of the Association" address by Baidy, discussions on how to foster communica-

tions among chapters and a "Meet the Candidates" session, which gave chapter representatives the opportunity to hear from nominees on the official slate of candidates for the 1995 GCSAA election.

Participants were enthusiastic and felt an annual meeting such as this would only continue to improve communications and benefit the membership. Robert J. Maibusch, CGCS, at Hinsdale (Ill.) Golf Course, said: "The meeting was great. We are definitely moving in the right direction. Everybody I talked to felt the meeting reinforced their confidence in the direction the association is taking and our new management's ideas."

William N. Baker, CGCS at La Quinta (Calif.) Country Club, said: "I thought the meeting was excellent, a very healthy and productive exchange of ideas. The committee did a good job of determining priorities and the group reached consensus on those priorities."

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