

• the reel to bedknife clearance is adjusted properly.

Once the reel and bedknife are put in good condition they should be kept that way by backlapping and adjusting the reel-to-bedknife clearance every week or two.

### Is a New Mower in Your Future?

If you feel a new mower is warranted, then you should begin with a thorough investigation of the ones available to find the mower most suited to your requirements – and your budget!

When your investigation is complete, you may find that the Scott Bonnar is the



Quite a number of clubs are now using mowers other than the Scott Bonnar machine.

mower for you or perhaps you will favour one of the lighter gasoline powered mowers. If the latter is the case, you should consider ordering it with a grooming reel and Wiehle roller installed and also specify a tournament blade. This would be a top-of-the-line mower and therefore at the higher end of the price range noted previ-

ously but has the potential to do an excellent job.

You would probably find that a greensmower of this type would be easier to use, particularly for volunteers as noted above. The grooming reel, used on a regular basis, would keep lateral growth to a minimum, and the thinner blade would allow mowing at 1/8" or even closer for special events.

### A Final Word

Remember, whether you continue to use your present mower or buy a new one of any make, proper maintenance is a MUST if you are to get good results. Anyone with some mechanical ability can learn to do routine maintenance and a half hour spent each week or two, plus some additional time to change the bottom blade once per season, will pay rich dividends. Refer to the manual *Bowling Green Maintenance and Management* available through Bowls Canada, phone 613- 244-0021, email office@bowlscanada.com. Chapter 15 outlines the procedure for backlapping, reel-to-bedknife adjustment and bedknife replacement. Please feel free to browse through our website at www.bowlscanada.com. ♦

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# 'Water Right Campaign' Hits \$500,000

THANKS TO TWO \$15,000 CONTRIBUTIONS

**R**olling Meadows, IL – Pledges of \$15,000 each by Seed Research of Oregon/Seed Solutions and Jacklin Seed, A Div. Of J.R. Simplot Co., have pushed the International Turf Producers Foundation's 'Water Right Campaign' over its \$500,000 goal.

Multi-year pledges and one-time contributions will raise more than \$527,000 to support landscape water related research and education. There are now nine turf industry vendors who have become 'Water Right Champions.'

In making his firm's pledge, Bill Dunn, vice president of Seed Research of Oregon said, "We are proud to be a corporate sponsor of this campaign because we believe water issues will be at the forefront of the green industry this century."

Bill Junk, president of SRO's sister company Seed Solutions added, "We are very concerned about the lack of understanding about water usage and hope that our involvement will help bring about a careful balance between conservation and beneficial water usage."

Representing Jacklin Seed, Gayle Jacklin said, "We are pleased to become a Water Right sponsor and feel it is important that members become more involved in local water policy decision-making. There is a real need for further research and education in this area and we support those efforts."

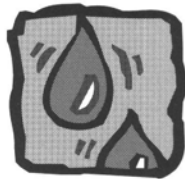
When the 'Water Right Campaign' was kicked-off in December, 1999, ITPF officials encouraged broad-based contributions to raise funds for water-related research, dissemination of documented water-use facts and landscape water conservation recommendations and new information to address water quality and availability issues.

*WATER RIGHT - Conserving Our Water, Preserving Our Environment*, a 64-page book targeted at helping educate water-policy decision makers has been the most visible product of the campaign thus far. In addition, water-related research grants totaling more than \$70,000 have

been awarded in the early stages of the campaign.

SRO/Seed Solutions and Jacklin Seed now join the following 'Water Right Champions': Brouwer Turf Equipment, Bucyrus Equipment Company, Conwed Plastics, Kesmac, Inc., Moffett Mounty by Cargotec, Pennington Seeds and Progressive Turf Equipment.

For more information about making a tax-deductible contribution to the Water Right Campaign, contact ITPF at 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 or call 1-800-405-8873.



## Editor's Note

Ottawa will give The Canadian Water Network, a University of Waterloo based re-

search group, \$15 million to find remedies to Canada's declining water resources. Another \$14 million has been pledged in cash or services from industry and other government agencies.

The Canadian Water Network will include 175 researchers from 38 universities, 29 companies and 40 government agencies across Canada. Dr. Robert Gilham, the Network's Scientific Director, said the study will include quality, safety, availability of water resources, outbreaks of water-borne diseases, long term effects of changing land use, global climate change and the possibility of bulk water exports. A hot issue will be manure management with respect to groundwater and surface water supplies.

Research in Canada will be available to countries around the world facing similar and also more severe problems. Note that 18% of the world's population does not have safe drinking water. There are two million deaths per year and 8.3 billion cases of illnesses related to unsafe drinking water. ♦

— *The Record*, November 3, 2001

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### Mark Your Calendar!

**January 8-10**

Landscape Ontario  
Congress 2002, Toronto, ON  
Information: 905-875-1805

**January 16-20**

Sports Turf Managers Association  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibition  
Las Vegas, NV  
Information: 712-366-2669

**January 22-24, 2002**

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium  
Toronto, ON  
Information: 519-767-5000

**January 24 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Sports Turf Association  
Breakfast and Annual General  
Meeting, Toronto, ON (Preregistration for breakfast required)  
Information: 519-763-9431

**January 29 - February 1**

Turfgrass Producers International  
Midwinter Conference  
Orlando, FL  
Information: 847-705-9898

**February 2002; February 2003**

University of Guelph, *Turf Managers Short Course*, Guelph, ON  
Info: 519-767-5000

**February 18-20**

University of Guelph, *Advanced Turf Managers Short Course*  
Guelph, ON  
Information: 519-767-5000

**February 24-27, 2002**

Western Canada Turfgrass Association  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Show, Penticton, BC  
Information: 604-467-2564

**March 2-5, 2002**

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**March 2002**

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TURF MANAGERS' SHORT COURSE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

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In addition to the academic components of the course, a dinner is planned for one evening. Although designed for graduates of the University of Guelph Turf Managers Short Course, the program will be open to anyone interested in building upon their



basic understanding of current turf management issues. For more information call (519) 767-5000 or e-mail [robwith@uoguelph.ca](mailto:robwith@uoguelph.ca). ♦

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