

Letter From the Publisher



Dear Readers:

We are constantly searching for ways to make *TurfGrass TRENDS* more useful to you. We bring you review articles on recent research findings. We supplement those articles with experience-based recommendations on how to use those findings to solve turf management problems. We also supplement those articles with references to additional materials. These materials give you, in some instances, Wider and deeper coverage of the subject under discussion, and in other instances simply a different viewpoint on the subject so what an article says can be better understood and more easily applied. In any case, they insure that those who wish to pursue a subject further will be "ahead of the game" when they set off for the library.

This issue of *TurfGrass TRENDS* takes that search still further.

The lead article starts a new series on turfgrass pests and pesticides. This time, Dr. Patricia Vittum and her colleagues discuss insects and insecticides. And in order to help you gain the most from the use of insecticides, we are supplementing Dr. Vittum's article with a discussion by Dr. Michael Villani on readily-available sources of practical advice on selecting appropriate insecticides to apply.

This issue's second article by Peter McCormick of TurfNet Associates, Inc. initiates another new departure. It's a supplement to Dr. Gary Harman's article on Bio-Trek 22G® in the May issue of 1996 *TurfGrass TRENDS*. We're reprinting it because it provides a wholly different perspective on the pluses and minutes of paying serious attention to Integrated Pest Management (IPM). It appeared in a publication many of *TurfGrass TRENDS* readers might not normally see. It describes the experiences of a golf course superintendent, Dan Dinelli of the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, IL, employing advanced pest control materials and application technology in this case, an integrated turf disease control program. The article lays out his objectives, the initiatives he took to achieve them, the problems he encountered along the way and how they were overcome, and why he made the choices he did. These are the kinds of insights from which all can profit. It will be interesting to hear reactions to this undertaking, and to learn of other such efforts. The participants invite your contributions. Feel free to contact them directly, or call me.

Finally, we are continuing Dr. Eric Nelson's recent series of articles on "Maximizing Disease Control with Fungicides" by publishing an index to the fungicides currently registered with the EPA for application to turfgrasses here in the United States. There are so many fungicides, sold under so many differing trade names, available in so many different formulations, that you "can't tell the players without a program." This index identifies all the active ingredients, trade names, formulations, EPA registration numbers and manufacturers' or sub-registrants addresses (in case you need more information), and pulls them together in a way that makes it easy for you to find the one(s) you need.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria L. Haber". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

Maria L. Haber