

Crystal Springs Chosen For Bentgrass Research

Crystal Springs Golf Course, located in Burlingame has been selected as one of sixteen sites nation wide for a joint bentgrass/bermudagrass study. The research program sponsored by the USGA, GCSAA and NTEP will evaluate varieties in actual golf course settings.

Practice Putting greens built to USGA specifications will be monitored to provide data for golf course personnel in the building and maintenance of golf facilities.

The USGA/GCSAA/NTEP project will combine the efforts of superintendents, university researchers and USGA Green Section staff for monitoring and evaluation. "The greatest gains in turfgrass research have and will continue to come from universities," said GCSAA Director of Research, Jeff Nus, PhD. "But this project allows us to do 'real world' testing and replicate actual conditions in order to provide the best data to those in the golf

course maintenance profession. Golfer expectations and golf course conditions have changed so much in the last three decades that we need to study cultivar performance based on the conditions demanded by today's golfers."

Because traffic is an important factor in cultivar performance, all of the putting greens constructed for the project will be used as actual practice greens at the respective facilities.

Crystal Springs Superintendent, Ray Davies, CGCS, and U.C. Extension Agronomist, Dr. Ali Harivandi, will be managing the only Northern California site.

Manny Sousa's Daughter Selected For Legacy Award

Manny Sousa, Superintendent at Poppy Hills Golf Course, was proud to learn that his daughter, Shelly Sousa Albert, was recently selected as a Legacy Award winner by the GCSAA.

The program, which awards a \$1,500 scholarship to ten sons or daughters of GCSAA members was created in 1990 and has been administered by the GCSAA foundation in partnership with Novartis Turf and Ornamental Products.

Winners were selected by an independent panel of judges on the basis of academic excellence, extracurricular activities and an assigned essay describing their parents' or grandparents' involvement with the golf course management profession. Shelly Sousa Albert is currently majoring in Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco. Congratulations to both father and daughter!

Did You Know?

The California bill to authorize statewide use of the triploid grass carp continues to work its way through the State Assembly. The bill is scheduled to be heard by the Appropriations Committee on August 20th. Superintendents and other supporters remain confident the measure will become law.

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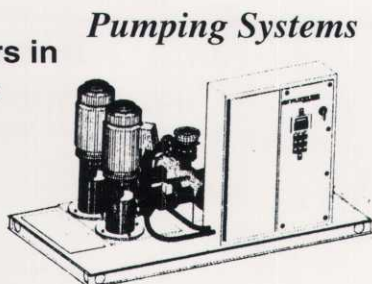
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