



Overseeding (Cont'd)

ment, but other years they are not. When you use the calendar system, you take your chances.

2. **Irrigation system** – It is essential to have an efficient and dependable irrigation system to accurately water the overseeded turf several times during the day for proper seeding germination. Without such a system, all money spent on seed and supplies would be wasted.

3. **Seed rate** - A minimum seeding rate of 300 lbs. per acre is normally required for adequate turf density during the winter.

4. **Equipment** - Light weight mowers should be used to cut the seedling turf to prevent wheel ruts on the wet fairway soils and to avoid tearing the shallow rooted turf out of the ground.

5. **Traffic control** – All carts should be kept off the overseeded fairways a minimum of six to eight weeks. There is a direct correlation between turf quality and the amount of traffic allowed on the overseeded turf.

It is important to finish by saying that overseeding is not for everyone. While the winter playing quality is very good, there are significant costs involved for the purchase of the seed, additional water, fertilizer, labor and wear on equipment compared to courses that do not overseed in the winter. Summer playing quality can also be compromised if the overseeded grass persists well into the summer. Each course should carefully consider if overseeding is in their best interest.

Get Work Published in Sports Illustrated

GCSAA has a wonderful opportunity to have one of its member's work publicized in Sports Illustrated. The magazine is pursuing a project in which it will cover a golf course restoration/renovation project from start to finish. It will look at all aspects from the decision-making process to completion. We are asking for your assistance in identifying any such projects. The only requirements are the facility must be located in the sunbelt region of the U.S. or the southwest or west coast. The facility can be anything from a nine-hole municipal to a high end private club.

Please respond to GCSAA Director of Communications Jeff Bollig at 800-472-7878, ext. 430 or jbollig@gcsaa.org should you know of any such project

GCSAA Conference and Show Update

GCSAA's 72nd International Golf Course Conference and Show will be held Feb. 11-18, 2001 in the Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas.

Have you reserved your spot at the conference and show? The big event may be more than three months away, but hotel rooms and education seminars are already quickly selling out.

GCSAA's Dallas web site is your comprehensive source for the latest information about the conference and show. You'll find details on everything from the six championship courses, to special guest activities, to all the forms you need to register for the conference. In order to use the stored list functions (my trade show favorites & personal planner) you will need to register on the conference and show site.

<http://www.golfcourseshow.com/reg2001.html>

If you haven't yet made a hotel reservation, you need to act quickly! Call GCSAA Travel at (800) 442-7220 to make your hotel reservations and other travel arrangements for the Dallas Conference and Show. You can find detailed information on each of the hotels by visiting the show web site at:

<http://www.gcsaa.org/2001confer/travel/hotels/hotelmap.html>

Would you like to plan your itinerary before you get to Dallas? The "Personal Planner" available online can do just that. As you browse through titles of events, you can click the box on those events you are interested in attending and add them to your planner. When you are ready to leave, use one of the print buttons located above and below your planner to get a print out of all the events you selected.

You can learn more about your "Personal Planner" here:

<http://www.gcsaa.org/2001confer/events/events.html>

The GCSAA Foundation's fifth annual Silent Auction is nearly underway! Take the time to browse through the listings and choose your products. Online bidding begins on Jan. 8, 2001, and closes on Feb. 17, 2001. All proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit applied on-course research and educational initiatives funded by The Foundation. Check out the silent auction items:

<http://auction.gcsaa.org>