

LETTERS

To the editor:

This is a letter that is long overdue! For the last four years, I have worked for the Town of Raymond Parks and Recreation and have received your magazine. The stories and articles over the years have really helped me give this community some of the best facilities in southern Alberta. Hats off to your

staff for all the great work.

I must also thank you for an article that you did over a year ago on "Boardwalk and Baseball." I look after four ball diamonds, three soccer fields and four parks. I especially wanted to learn more about keeping up the baseball fields. So after your article, I took a chance, wrote a letter to "Boardwalk and

Baseball" asking if I might come down and work on their complex. After a few months, I received a phone call from Mr. Paul Shaw, who made arrangements for me to work there.

So this spring, I took a month's holiday and went down to Florida where I had the opportunity of working the Kansas City Royals' spring training with George Toma. His help and knowledge made it a great trip. I must also mention Mike Hurd, who was running the complex. For a young man, his knowledge of the grass industry was outstanding; his work and dedication to his fields were a model for me to follow. He was even good enough to let me stay at his place. And work we did, from 7 a.m. until 8 or 10 p.m.—with lots of hands-on experience. All in all, I have to give great thanks to all the staff who treated me so well.

All of this because of your article, which has now shown me how big the grass industry is. And there are some great people like George, Mike, Ed and Paul who are willing to help a fellow groundskeeper.

So, gentlemen, a great big thanks! Please keep up the good work. I really look forward to receiving one of the best magazines around (even over *Outdoor Life*), LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT.

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To the editor:

I have just perused the October issue, and was especially interested in the feature you did on seed availability. One thing is certain, and that is every year this feature becomes more interesting and complex.

I did notice in the last paragraph of your article a slight inaccuracy which I wanted to correct. That is, since 1987, Turf Merchants (TMI) has marketed the first-ever dwarf tall fescue blend under the trademark "Turfmates—The World's First Elite Dwarf Turf-Type Tall Fescue Blend." This blend includes Wrangler and Trailblazer, and in 1989 will feature "Bonsai" dwarf tall fescue.

Thank you for your continued support of TMI and the grass seed industry.

Steve Tubbs
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