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Amigo dwarf tall fescue gets PVP

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — Amigo dwarf tall fescue has been granted Plant Variety Protection (PVP) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Northrup King's Medalist Turf Division entered the new grass plant (code 5HF) in the National Tall Fescue Turfgrass Trials. It, according to Northrup King, was rated in the top 10 percentile.

Characteristics said to be unique to Amigo are a fine-textured, low-growing plant and excellent color.

Buyers can expect to see Amigo available in the fall of 1990. Northrup King says it expects to have an adequate supply for the sod grower and lawn care industries. □

For more information, contact Northrup King, 7500 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55427; (800 328-2425). □



The Toro Company is the founding sponsor of the Shrine Gardens at the PGA/World Golf Hall of Fame. The well-manicured gardens are dedicated to golf course superintendents.

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Garden honors golf supers

PINEHURST, N.C. — Shrine Gardens has been established here to recognize the golf course superintendent's service and contributions to the game of golf.

The beautifully landscaped gardens, located

near the entrance to the Professional Golfers' Association World Golf Hall of Fame shrine building, includes a plaque that dedicates the gardens to golf course superintendents around the world. The project was publicly dedicated on Nov. 2, 1989.

The Shrine Gardens project is an effort to provide golf course superintendents with much deserved recognition, according to Mike Hoffman, director of

marketing of commercial products at the Toro Company. Toro is the the founding sponsor.

"Golf course superintendents are key members of the golfing industry. They have made and continue to make major contributions to the game," says Hoffman. "It is our hope that they will receive the recognition in this special Hall of Fame that they have earned through hard work, expertise, and dedication to the game." □

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New bluegrass variety gets raves from the Univ. of Idaho for quality and practicality

WORLEY, Idaho — A new Kentucky bluegrass combines quality with practicality, according to the University of Idaho.

The variety Alene has a medium/dark genetic color and improved disease resistance compared to the common types of grass generally grown, according to a press release from Seeds West and Seeds Inc. "Alene may also be the answer to homeowners and others who need a low-maintenance lawn because it develops a durable, attractive, drought-resistance turf," the press release notes.

In tests, 71 percent of Alene seedlings emerged in 10

days or less, providing quick ground cover in areas that would normally be subject to erosion.

"In 40 days after planting, Alene can be expected to produce 12 tillers for each seedling compared to seven for other popular varieties," the press release notes. "Alene is a vigorous variety and compares well to such varieties as Baron, but will spread as much as 45 percent faster, according to data submitted for the patent application."

For more information, contact Seed West, P.O. Box 113, Rockford WA 99030 or Seeds Inc., Rt. 2, Box 28, Worley, ID 83876. □



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