

Grass Clippings



December
2014

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Our turf community works hard – so we work hard for you to bring you the information that you need to provide the best product possible for your budget. You deserve it. And we like to really make you think – as the Fall Meeting proved, once again!

Expect a different twist or two at the Spring Meeting & Trade Show. At the event you will enjoy the “Turfgrass Show,” hosted by world renown, Thom Nikolai, Ph.D., aka “Dr. of Green Speed.” The conference agenda includes first-time appearances from John Sorochan, Ph.D., and Terry Buchen, CGCS, MG, and we welcome back an ol’ friend – Rob Golembiewski, Ph.D. (G11) – who spent a fair amount of time in the Northwest turf programs between Oregon State University and Montana State University (earlier in his career). The region has missed him since he left to become the Greens Solutions Specialist for Bayer. G11 will present, “It’s All About the GREEN! Colorants, Pigments and Dyes in Turf.”

John Sorochan, Ph.D., will offer, “Effective Mower Configurations to Optimize Putting Green Playability,” and “Understanding, Assessing, and Managing Shade Stress Problems.” He is the Associate Professor & Distinguished Scientist of Turfgrass Science and Management in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Tennessee, as well as the co-director for the UT Center for Athletic Field Safety. He is responsible for the department's academic turf programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level and teaches several classes in the Turfgrass Science and Management program. Sorochan’s research programs coordinates investigations on environmental turf stress physiology - including indirect heat, shade, drought, and wear stress for sports, golf course, and commercial and home lawn turf.

It was very difficult to select exactly what to include in the speaker profile in the meeting agenda about Terry Buchen, CGCS, MG. Buchen is a new member of the Idaho GCSA, recently moving to Eagle, Idaho. His rich history in the turf industry is interesting – with a Golf Digest course ranking of number two in conditioning (number one was Augusta), and

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Why We Applaud Our Allied Partners

Our allied members define “support.”

Our allied partners donated silent auction products with a value of approximately \$11,000, during the Fall Meeting. In addition, the main website banner was auctioned for \$1,100. The year-round support is greatly appreciated and our allied members who reached the Platinum Level of sponsorship in 2014 will be recognized at the Business Meeting during the Spring Meeting.

Please Mail Rounds Today

So many of you plan to donate rounds of four with carts to the silent auction held at the golf show in Boise. And you have great intentions to let someone know. Our committee volunteers are as time-challenged as the rest of the membership. Let’s not burn out our volunteers by asking them to call each of you.

Please pick up the phone right now, or send an email, to Jerry Palmerton, Jon Atkins, or Adam Bagwell, CGCS, and make arrangements for the certificate. Even better – just put the certificate(s) and score card(s) in the mail to: Adam Bagwell, CGCS, Crane Creek Country Club, 500 W Curling Dr., Boise, Idaho, 83702 or to Jerry Palmerton, The Club at Spurwing, 6800 N. Spurwing Way, Meridian, Idaho, 83642.

Buckhorn Saloon and Museum

Sponsors are appreciated for the 2015 Chapters of the Northwest Hospitality Room! The event is going to be at a special location in San Antonio, Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30 February 25, 2015 - at the Buckhorn Saloon and Museum. This is a highly popular venue in San Antonio and one that offers a great atmosphere.

Delicious complimentary food will be offered during the evening, as always! Our usual event budget is not large enough to cover beverages at this venue and this event will be a cash bar. Contact Lori to help sponsor the event.

Upcoming events:

Idaho GCSA Spring Meeting:

February 10 & 11, 2015, Boise, Idaho

Chapters of The Northwest Hospitality Room

February 25, 2015, Buckhorn Saloon, San Antonio

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* Do you have an address change, for example? Changing the information in Your Profile in the Member's Area will automatically update the association's database!

* Do you have any classified items? Please be sure to complete the classified section in the Member's Area.

* The printed version of the membership directory is now on line as a flip book in the Members Only Section.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Idaho GCSA membership renewals have been mailed and are due by December 31 to avoid a late fee. Thank you in advance for recognizing the importance of your membership!

To reserve a room in our chapter room block for the 2015 GIS, click on the News tab above.

Please click on the News link for instructions how to access the Member's Area. You can now update your profile through "Your Profile."

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President's Message

Rick Mooney

Whitetail Golf Club, McCall, Idaho

It is hard to believe that we are on the cusp of New Year. 2014 came with some adventure again for us high-mountain golf courses.

The association had great educational meetings and in the process, somehow I was elected as president. So, here I am writing an article for Grass Clippings.

2014 rolled out a new website (Idahogcsa.org). Please take a look at it, as this is one of our communication tools. In the member's only section of the website you are able to post job announcements or classified items yourself. Don't forget to check out the job listings while you are there. Clicking on "your profile" will allow you to update your contact information and it is tied directly to our database. By the time you receive this newsletter, you will find an online flipbook version of our membership directory – accessible on line for the first time. We also communicate to our members through email blasts – of which we encourage you to always review for great information, updates, and even reminders. Our Facebook page and Twitter offers additional information, sometimes on the lighter side – including pictures not always found elsewhere. If you have exciting news, course updates or even a picture, post it on our Facebook page, or pass it along to Lori.

I would like to continue to thank all of you who support the organization through donating rounds for the Boise Golf Expo auction. This has been, and continues to be, a great fundraiser for the organization. Be prepared for someone to reach out to you for a donation. These rounds are valuable and provide the organization added cash to keep improving the organization and aid us in making the organization affordable to our members. Don't forget that a second foursome donation can yield a 50% credit that can be used for dues or meeting fees.

The fall silent auction has really taken off and this would

not be such a huge success without the support of our allied partners. The donations continue to be outstanding and our members have the chance to pick up items that we may need or just want the opportunity to try. People looking to take advantage of these deals should think about what items they may want next fall and budget for them now so they can take advantage of the competitive and fun nature of participating in the silent auction. The association was successful, out selling our banner space on our website to Grigg Bros. during this event and we appreciate everyone's continued support, as well.

The people who make this association are its members and I would be remiss if I did not thank all of you. I continue to be inspired by the quality of educational speakers and the willingness of our participants to share their experiences with the group. It never fails that our group sheds some light or insight to the discussion. The benefit of having the group participation is sharing with our peers the wealth of knowledge that we have learned and it makes the group better. I would ask that we continue to invite people who are not participating, as when we have great attendances, we all benefit.

I hope to serve the association well by being available and willing to listen to the needs of our members. The board is constantly trying to evolve to the changing needs of our industry members and allies. This requires open dialog about what is working and what is not. I want to lead the association in a path that is successful today and has the vision and members to face the changes that future may bring.

Please feel free to reach out to me:

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also includes an agronomist and advance tournament official for the PGA Tour, setting-up all 47 tournaments on the regular tour. Today, not only does he write for Golf Course Industry Magazine, "Travels with Terry," but also he is a road warrior correspondent for USA Today and an advisory board member of AutoWeek Magazine. Buchen will be a great source for interesting conversations and presentations, I expect.

Thom Nikolai, Ph.D., Michigan State University, won us over in McCall, 2007. Nikolai offers relevant information and a presenter who keeps meetings lively and interesting – which contribute to why he has been invited to present around the world. There is only one Thom Nikolai and we are fortunate to have him back. His notable contributions to turf include having performed more studies with lightweight rolling, leave mulching, and alternative spike than any other researcher. He authored, *The Superintendents Guide to Putting Green Speed*. You will find his bi-monthly column, "Up to Speed" for GCM Magazine. In addition to hosting the Turfgrass Show, he will present, "Turfgrass Potpourri," and "Turfgrass and the Environment."

We know this meeting is earlier than usual – but we also know we can be nicely surprised with nice weather for golf. We are betting that you will be enjoying an enjoyable round at the par 3 Challenge Course at The Club at Spurwing, hosted by Jerry Palmerton.

Our allied partners will be there in force to support you at

the Trade Show. Our allied partners keep your dues and meeting registration low and help the association's general budget so we can keep a strong association. They are deserving of our attention – and we will see you at the trade show!

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Idaho GCSA Board Members

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Rick Mooney, Whitetail Club, McCall, Idaho

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Adam Bagwell, CGCS, Crane Creek Country Club, Boise, Idaho

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I hope you all enjoyed the fall meeting. I'm very sorry to have been unable to attend due to work duties, but I'm sure Mr. Mooney ran the meeting much smoother than I would have, anyway! I must say, the year went by extremely fast. I consider myself fortunate to have served, but the volunteers on the board made it extremely easy (so did Lori).

As I look back at the year, here are some random thoughts:

- Construction both feeds and destroys your mind all at once.
- Construction at age 40 ain't like construction at 24; it hurts worse.
- Fast-Track projects will be all the rage for the foreseeable future. Public or Private, if golfers are not golfing, then revenue disappears.
- Being able to think on your feet is a necessary skill.
- Don't trust old plans, unless you have to! Cross-referencing old with new is always beneficial!
- Pot-hole utilities where you plan on crossing them. Don't rely on a pot-hole 20 ft. away and assume the wire is at the same depth.
- Whatever your plan and cost is for big roll sod install, make sure you have space in the budget to switch to small roll in case the big roll is too tender to handle.
- If you can't multi-task and plan ahead, go slow, or hire a professional project manager to help.
- When a superintendent tells you to close the window

Ramblings from a Past President

Adam Bagwell,
CGCS
Crane Creek
Country Club,



on a mini-ex before breaking a pipe that he thinks is abandoned--do it!

- Make sure everyone knows what each valve controls, and where their buddies are working on irrigation around the site. Legs can be broken by ductile iron fittings when they blow off.
- Without great assistants, you will fail. You simply do not have the time to focus on construction and maintenance at the same time.
- Be lucky! Great weather spurs success!
- I'm completely out of any and all profundities, not that any I've ever written were worth the paper that they were written on.

Have a great start to the New Year and best wishes,



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Chapter Delegates 2014

Gerald Flaherty, CGCS The Valley Club, Hailey, Idaho

The Chapter Delegate's meeting just ended and I am on my return flight. Yesterday was a very productive day. Topics discussed were: simplifying classification, education, equipment managers, reducing board members, and introducing new candidates for the board of directors election.

Redefining the new classification will be on the ballot for delegates to vote on in February 2015. The proposal is to eliminate the Superintendent Member (SM) to take away the confusion between Class A, B and SM members. It will be reduced to class A and B for superintendents, C for assistants, D for equipment managers and E for affiliates.

Class A eligibility is the following;

Formal Education	Years' Experience as Superintendent
Bachelor's in plant or turf science	3
Other Bachelor's plus an Associate's In plant/ turf Science	3
Other Bachelor's degree	4
Associate's in plant/turf science	4
Turf certificate/short course	5
Other Associate's degree.	6
No degree or recognized certificate	7

I plan on voting "yes" for simplifying the classification changes.

It is proposed that to maintain your status there will be no educational requirements. The GCSAA board feels that superintendents will continue their education on their own and will be given certificates after completing courses. There was concern that this would impact local chapter attendance for education. Other chapters in our region meet for spring events after the delegates meeting. The attending membership with Peaks & Prairies GCSA and Inland Empire GCSA were vehemently against the proposed change, believing that the move would devalue the importance of continuing education and strongly negatively impact chapter attendance. While there is concern



that too many SMs are not advancing to a Class A level, these two chapters felt the move would in essence bring the Class A "down" to the SM level in spirit. I welcome your feedback on how you feel about the proposed changes.

The equipment managers association is interested in hitching their wagon to the GCSAA. This was discussed in great length as some chapters were against and others for allowing them to be a classification. I think it's a great idea to have our mechanics sit in on some education as there is often a gap between superintendent and mechanic. However, education dollars are tight in most facilities and it would be unfortunate to reduce my assistants' attendance at local meetings. Some chapters were strongly against this and said it's a superintendents association, not a mechanics association. I will research the subject further and I look forward to your thoughts before I decide how to vote on your behalf. But, my gut tells me it will be passed.

The GCSAA board may be reduced by one board member. This matter would require changing the bylaws. There wasn't much positive feedback on this proposed action from the delegates and it will not be voted on in February.

A superintendent from this region, Peter Grass, CGCS, Hilands Golf Club, Billings, Mont., will be elected as Vice President at the 2015 GIS. The 2015 board candidates are on line at www.gcsaa.org, so you can read up them if you really have nothing better to do or can't get to sleep.

I do encourage you to contact me if you feel strongly about any of these matters or if you have any questions.

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**Thank you, host superintendent,
Mark Spraktes!**



Introductions

One of our two new Idaho GCSA board members:

Brian Roth, CGCS

Oquirrh Hills Golf Course
Tooele, Utah

Hello, all! I am excited to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Idaho GCSA. I have gotten to know many of you over the past several years, and hope to get to know everyone



Sporting a cool tie, Brian Roth, CGCS

better. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. I have served on the board of the Intermountain chapter for the past 10 years, including twice as president (2007, 2012). I feel it is very important, and an honor, to serve and be involved in our profession. Through membership in our association we have the opportunity to expand our knowledge with continuing education, show our value and our impact on our individual facilities, and help promote the game of golf.

A Brief History

I was raised just outside of Logan, Utah (Providence), the eldest of nine children. In 1994 a friend (Jeff Murdock), who was working at Sherwood Hills G.C. (near Logan) at the time, asked me if I could come help him with a few things. All I remember thinking is, "This is a job? You get paid to do this?" That fall I went back to school, and in 1997 I graduated with a degree in Horticulture (Landscape Construction and Maintenance), and three years working at Sherwood Hills under my belt. That spring, I got a job as superintendent at a new nine-hole course in Green River, Utah. After three years in Green River, we moved to St. George where I took a position as assistant superintendent at the 27-hole Sunbrook Golf Club. I worked there for 1.5 years, and then took the superintendent position here at Oquirrh Hills, in Tooele, UT, in the fall of 2001. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Chennelle, for almost 24 years, and she still puts up with me and my summer schedules. We have three great kids - Aubrey (18 and attending Utah Valley University), Bentley (14, freshman), and Chloe (10, 4th grade).

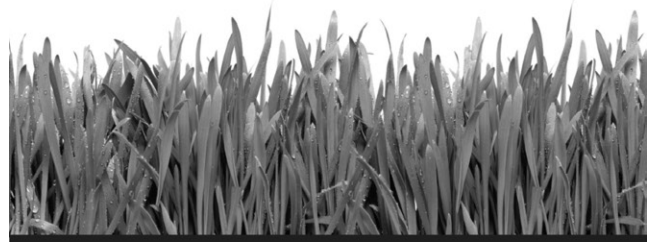
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in 1949-50. The back nine was built in 2005-2006, and opened in the spring of 2007. The course is not long, about 6,700 from the back tees, but makes up for the length with narrow fairways and small push-up style greens. Greens average about 3,200-3,400 sq. ft.



During my time here at Oquirrh Hills, I have had the opportunity to make improvements and upgrades to the course. The department head, city council, and mayor have been very "hands off." The golf professional and I meet yearly, discuss course issues and concerns, and then set goals and prioritize course improvement projects. We always try and make improvements/upgrades each year as we can, and as the budget allows. The players really appreciate it, and look forward to each year's projects. Over the years we have rebuilt greens, added and rebuilt tee and tee complexes, done bunker reconstruction, and other aesthetic type projects. It is enjoyable to have projects and improvements to work on beyond the day-to-day maintenance duties.

I am looking forward to serving on the board and working with the other board members. I urge everyone to take advantage of the training, education, and networking opportunities that are a part of membership in our great profession/organization. Thanks!

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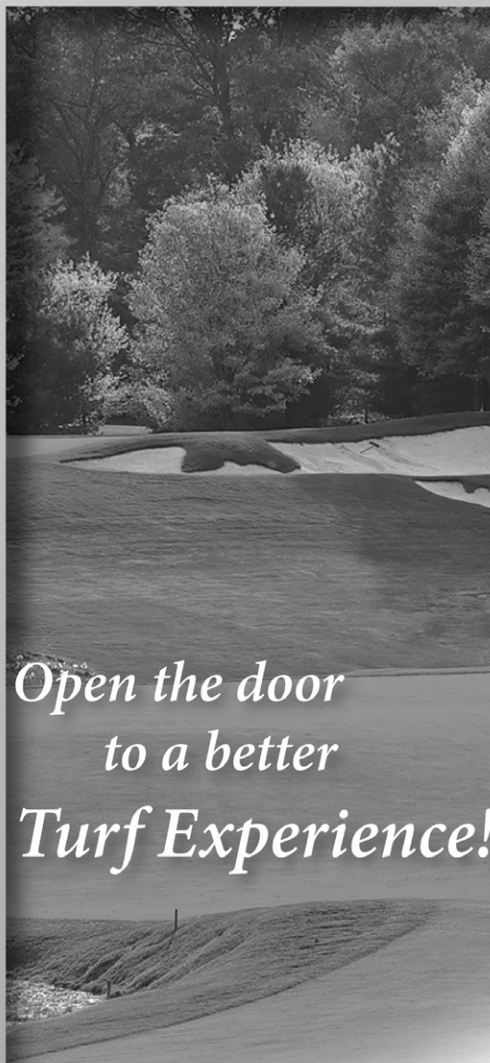
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Grass Notes

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I have previously written about the history of GCSAA and having to know where you have been to move into the future. I do truly believe in that thought process in my personal, work, and volunteer life, along with hoping that our government leaders use that same filter in their decision making process. Another factor to consider as a decision maker is to admit when something has not worked out as originally intended, and consider making it a work in progress with continued refinements.

I am sorry that this article gets long, but without the history, I feel you can't understand how we arrived at the present. If you need to save a few minutes, skip to the last two paragraphs for my final thoughts about where we are today.

For this article, I will look at the 13 year-old Professional Development

Initiative (PDI) that, to me, was intended to elevate the professionalism of the Superintendent position and give GCSAA a marketable title "Class A" that the association should then promote to potential employers and influential golfers. At the time, it seemed a logical and good thing to do, as the only requirement prior to this was to be a superintendent three years and pay your dues. New requirements implemented by PDI included a matrix of job experience, formal education and continuing education, along with possessing a state pesticide license to become and maintain Class A. That would be considered the "top" classification achievable, as CGCS is an additional designation, not a classification. All CGCS's are Class A members. To make this work, a commitment was made to make education as affordable and accessible as reasonably possible. The second major change was the term Superintendent Member (SM) to replace Class B. This is the current membership classifications and standards that we operate under today.

Three years ago, the GCSAA board wanted to take a 10-year look back at PDI and "did it do what it was intended to do?" The Membership Standards Advisory Group was formed with a cross section of all types of members with diversity of classification/designation types, regions and facility types. Led by two past presidents, they took a deep dive into the history and current status of PDI. They did a very extensive analysis of all of the factors involved and current state of the industry and I thank them for their time and efforts. The following is a very brief recap of their major findings. The recognition of the superintendent profession has been elevated in the world of golf and education has become affordable and accessible. Two things stood out as far as classifications: employers and influential golfers are confused as to what membership classifications mean and what is "higher" than what (especial-

ly Class A vs SM). The SM classification was intended to be a temporary place where people waiting to meet the experience requirement would be and changed from Class B to not make it seem a "lesser" term. Instead it had become a "parking lot" where those not wanting or willing to meet the requirements have stayed long term.

Your GCSAA Board has been analyzing, and quite honestly, struggling, with what to do in light of these findings and the current state of the golf economy (membership decline, course closures, fewer golfers). We have, as I said at the recent delegates meeting, "cussed (not literally) and discussed" all aspects of PDI from its origin, through the MSAG work and the world today. Again, this is very oversimplified in light of the countless hours that the board and staff worked on the numerous options and possibilities that were available. We wanted to present something to the delegates that we felt might fit in today's golf world/economy and provide all GCSAA members an inclusive association and understandable membership classifications. We examined the role or purpose of GCSAA, of which our mission statement is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game. In light of all that discussion, it was agreed that we, as an association, should not promote any one classification over another, but overall promote the profession and what our members do for their facilities, companies, educational institutions, etc. and the game of golf itself. We should provide the programs and services, along with advocacy and educational tools, to allow our members to advance their careers and provide value to their employers. What we brought forward was an idea of simplifying the number of and requirements for classifications.

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Dead Poa Society

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What to write about for my peers? First of all, everyone should think about writing an article so Lori doesn't need to beg the same guys every year. I'm sure there is some unique bit of information, observation, or a complaint that you could write about.

What I would like to write about is The Valley Club's bluegrass tees and fairways that were constructed on the new nine holes in 2006. Poa annua has wasted no time invading the new nine.

The first year was the year we should have made our move and started the program. But we didn't, due to heavy play and fear of golfers tracking herbicides on the greens. There was a small amount of poa in the sod when it was delivered in 2006. We spot sprayed those areas with Trimit and Pro-Grass to keep things clean and in check. After about the third year, there was a

tremendous amount of seed head tracked over from the 17 year-old existing course. The poa germinated quickly, so we sprayed Paclobutrazol to weaken the poa plant. After a full season of Paclobutrazol, we followed up that fall with some Barricade to help prevent seed germination.

The Barricade was giving us a fighting chance with the battle, but we were only hanging on by a thread. This course could convert to poa overnight if we were not careful. The following year, we continued with the Barricade, Paclobutrazol and threw in some Xonerate. We were still just hanging on and starting to consider applying Embark and giving up completely on controlling poa.

I looked at some notes from Dr. Bruce Branham's class last fall. Bruce said, with confidence, to use Tenacity on the bluegrass



to eliminate poa. The first thing we did was estimate the percentage of poa population on fairways and tees. It seemed like the population was about 30%. Our thought was although the fairways are 30% poa; we believed we could still see some healthy Kentucky bluegrass within the poa patches. We decided to apply Tenacity at 4 oz. per acre every four days for four applications. Tenacity will eliminate bentgrass so it was important to find the best time on the tee sheet to avoid golfers

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Reduce the total number of classifications from 13 to five (Class A, B, C, EM and Member) and remove the continuing education and pesticide license requirement associated with being Class A. All requirements of the designation "CGCS" would remain the same. The EM stands for Equipment Manager, a new proposal to bring in that vital component of the course maintenance team and provide programs, education and services for them, also.

The delegates discussed this proposal during their meeting and in general said, "Move forward in presenting it to the chapter members for discussion and feedback." I will say it is early in the feedback process, but so far what I have been hearing is this, "Scale back the number of classifications to the five proposed." The most significant part of that being changing the "old" SM to Class B and adding the EM classification. "Do not change either the entry level or renewal requirements of Class A. Make continuing education a focal point at both the national and chapter level. Promote the profession as a whole and let the individual member promote himself/herself in the job market." I take that all to mean have GCSAA focus on our mission as I referenced above, and work on behalf of all members. Advocate to and educate others about the profession and why golf facilities are essential economic, environmental and recreational components of a community.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss your opinions or discussions. My phone is 406-855-6440 and email is pghgc@montana.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

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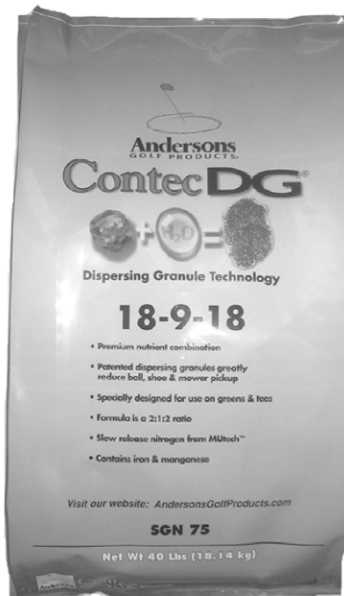
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Second application nine fairway

tracking the herbicide on the greens. The first two applications went smoothly beginning on June 19 and then the 23. The third application needed to be delayed due to a pro-shop curve ball. The curve gave us

chance to take a breath and think about the 3rd and 4th application, because the poa was unsightly and we were nervous. The tee sheet would delay us seven full days before the next application, if we selected to move forward and complete the program. The struggling poa made it easy to confirm there was plenty of Kentucky bluegrass waiting to reclaim the area. We buckled up for a rough ride and sprayed our next application on the 30th and then again we were delayed due to the tee sheet. On July 6th, the final application was applied. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention the Member Guest began on July 9th.

So far, we see a great deal of progress eliminating poa. However, there are some poa types that have not been affected. As far as the Member Guest, the weakened and dying poa seemed to clean up after we mowed, taking off the dead leaf blades and exposing some underlying bluegrass. The Kentucky bluegrass did yellow slightly, but not to the point that anyone

had commented. I think it's weird how the membership will complain about things like a pin placement, smelly ball-washer water, misaligned tee markers, or frost delays, but they don't notice the obvious things we see on the course. As a side note, the patches of bentgrass in the tees or fairways were hit extremely hard.

In summary, what we had discovered was the Tenacity does work. However, it seems to work best on younger plants and only certain poa varieties. This year, we did go down with the full annual rate of 16 oz. per acre and we did see some benefit. Our plan for next year is to spray slightly sooner and perhaps try adding some Xonerate at a 1 oz. rate and continue applying pre-emergences. I didn't mention that we tinkered with some test plots on the older fairways, which I thought were predominantly Kentucky bluegrass. I was wrong. They were about 95% poa, which took an extremely hard hit from the Tenacity. With that being said, if we ever do a renovation and the course is closed, I would apply Tenacity and drill seed the fairways during the course closure.



Third application, tee three

Chapter Delegates from the Northwest, along with Peter Grass, CGCS, GCSAA Sec/Treasurer



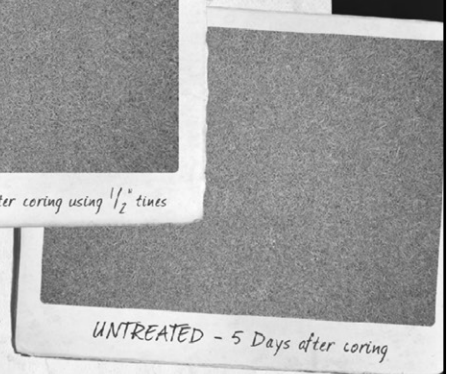
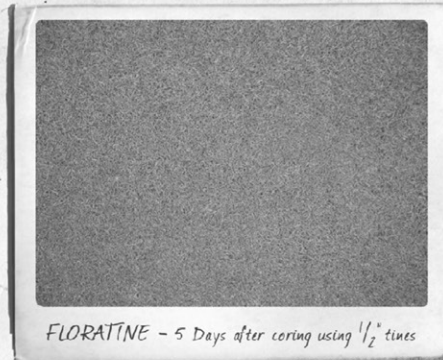
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