EFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES SHARE SEVERAL KEY ATTRIBUTES

By Todd Lowe, senior agronomist, Florida Region

Golf courses vary in size and quality and so do the facilities that maintain them. As such, there is no “one-size-fits-all” model for golf course maintenance facilities, as each course will have specific needs based on its location and management expectations. However, there are several attributes that contribute to the success of effective maintenance facilities, which include:

1) Organization

Facilities that run smoothly have a clear chain of command and defined roles for staff. This includes keeping clear, consistent communication channels open. The facilities that maintain the most greens per square foot are those that have well-maintained, self-contained areas for equipment repair, chemical handling, and separate work areas that are safe and efficient.

2) Planning

Maintenance facilities that are designed with foresight can help maintain safety, higher staff morale and greater overall efficiency. Gravel, sand, water and dirt are just some of the natural elements that need to be considered when building or redesigning your next maintenance facility. Modern facilities share many common attributes that can be incorporated into the design of future maintenance facilities.

3) Notification of your Intent To Reprint Content.

material is authorized only if the following conditions are met in their entirety. This policy applies to all Green Section publications, including the USGA Green Section Record, the USGA Green Section Alert, and the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online (TERO) website.

©2014 by United States Golf Association®

JOHN DANIELS JOINS THE GREEN SECTION STAFF

By John Rydell

Ten Lessons I Learned While Serving on the Green Committee

The importance of a close working relationship between the golf professional and the golf course superintendent is not a new concept. In this 1927 article in the National Greenkeeper magazine (official magazine of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, predecessor of the GCSAA) golf professional Bobby Cruickshank of the Progress Country Club in Purchase, N.Y., offered his opinion on the subject. He also stresses why it is important for greenkeepers to play the game. Read the article.

By Todd Lowe, senior agronomist, Florida Region

Regional Update: Mid-Continent Region

Regional update highlights the creative work with golf facilities on care of the golf green. It also features ideas, techniques and solutions to turgrass health and playing quality, whether used to manage encroachment and maintain definition between collar and green. The staffs at these facilities generally take greater pride in their turfgrass pest control and information on the use of fenamiphos. Learn about the return to school and prioritizing course in Southern California is applying a unique strategy involving water injection to help preserve select tree specimens.

SOUTHWEST REGION

One insect pest caused widespread damage on several golf courses throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region this season. Plant-parasitic nematodes can be a significant turfgrass pest in Florida. Unfortunately, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously available nematode-control options have been removed from the market. However, many of the previously availabl...