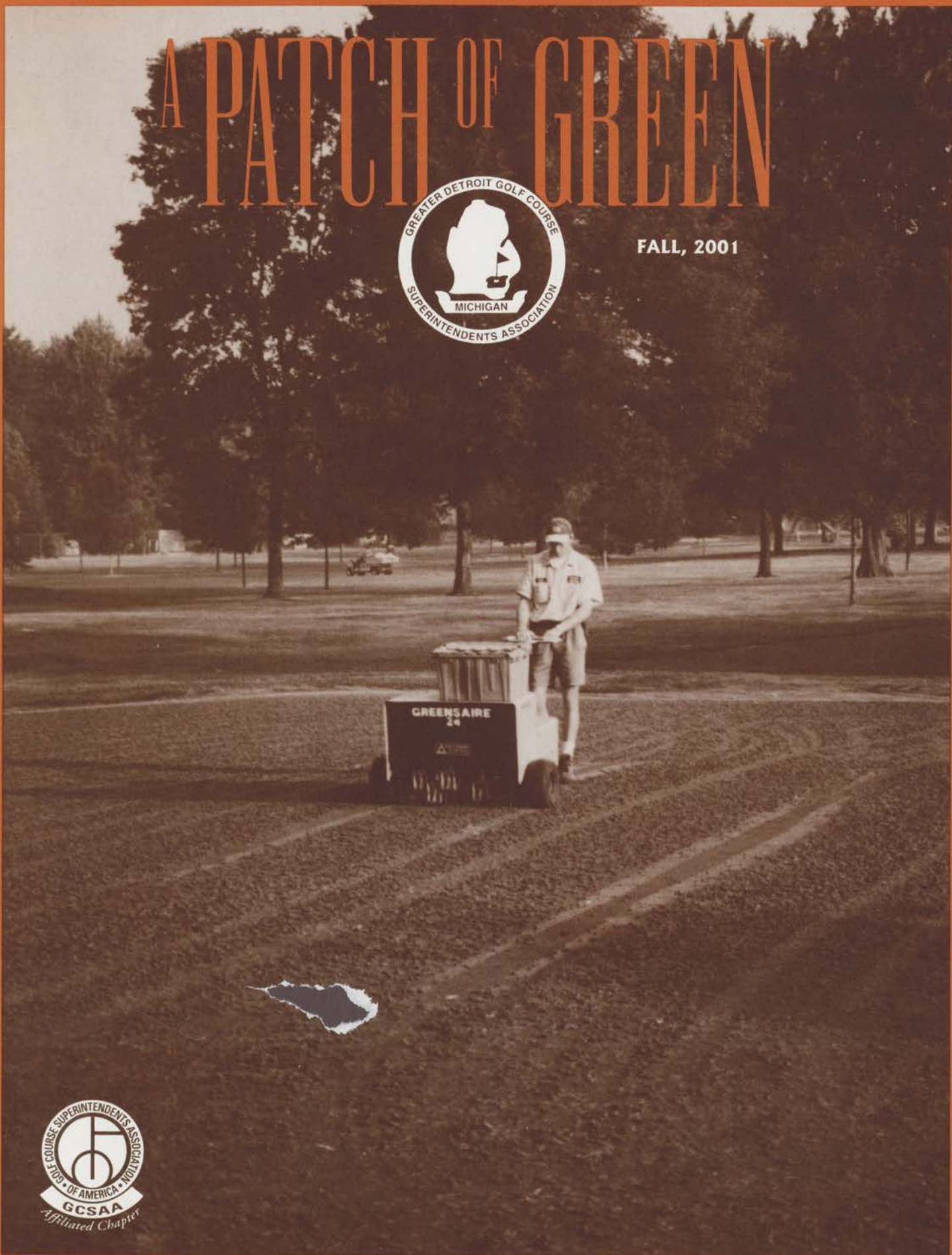


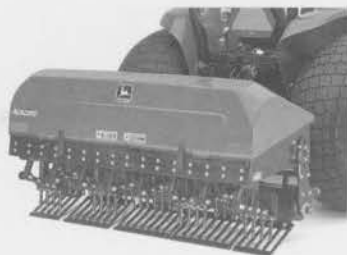
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This past summer was one of the toughest of the past ten years as it pertains to growing grass, Mother Nature made up for lost time. After taking it easy on us the last two summers, she let us have it with both barrels. We have survived one of the most trying summers of the past decade. We had to cope with extremes in heat, humidity and drought that, when they were coupled together as in this past summer, made for some extremely stressful conditions for the turf. If I may have the liberty to borrow a few wit-isms from Sonny Elliot, the local weatherman who has a knack for using colorful phrases which usually draw a humorous mental picture, Sonny described the past summer like this... "It was so hot that you could work up a sweat just taking a cold shower" and "The humidity was so high that if you parted you hair down the middle, you could irrigate your eyebrows". Those two descriptions just about sum up the past weather conditions perfectly.

We are over the hump and on the downside of the growing season. That's not to say that we only have to coast the rest of the way. There is still plenty that needs to be done, like fertilizing, weed control, aerating, fall clean-up, irrigation blowouts and snow mold control, just to name a few of the tasks that lie ahead. The grass is growing like mad, thanks to those late summer rains and most of the seasonal help has returned to school. The labor shortage will require some extra hours on the mower. We are all used to doing whatever it takes. Just remember, you got your survivor stripes the old fashion way, you earned them. And remember also that you did not have to eat any bugs to get them. Here's hoping that Mother Nature has gotten the worst out of her system and there is nothing but sunshine and blue skies ahead.

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2001 C.H. Wolfrom Classic

by Robert King and Jon Shreve

Maple Lane Golf Club held the 22nd annual Wolfrom Classic on September 17th. Approximately 50 golfers competed for the honor of being named champion of this great event and to pay respect to Mr. Clarence Wolfrom Sr., who was a pioneer in our business. Mr. Wolfrom helped build and mold what is now known as the G.D.G.C.S.A. This event helps to bring the golf course superintendent community together to enjoy what we have and find ways of creating a better future.

Speaker George Johnson, of SEATech International,

provided some methods of ridding golf courses of geese and other birds. His firm, Science and Engineering Associates Technology, has designed and patented a laser gun that frightens the geese and makes them less prone to return. His firm has had good success helping the military control geese and other birds around runways and airports.

Our host, Paul Kolbe, had Maple Lane in good condition despite a hot, drought-ridden summer. The many scores in the 70's was evidence of good conditions and nice weather. Three-time champion (now four) Don Fields shot an 89 with a 27 handicap for a Low Net score of 62 to win by one stroke over Ron Murdock. (Don, please bring a U.S.G.A. handicap card next year or you will have to cook hotdogs). Low Gross winner Aaron McMaster shot a 5-under par 66 and Jay Delcamp was five strokes back with a 71.

Other winners were:

Closest to the pin #3 - Todd Robinson

Closest to the pin #5 - Clem Wolfrom

Closest to the pin #16 - Chris Pulliam

Straightest Drive - Jay Delcamp

Skins - Jay Delcamp

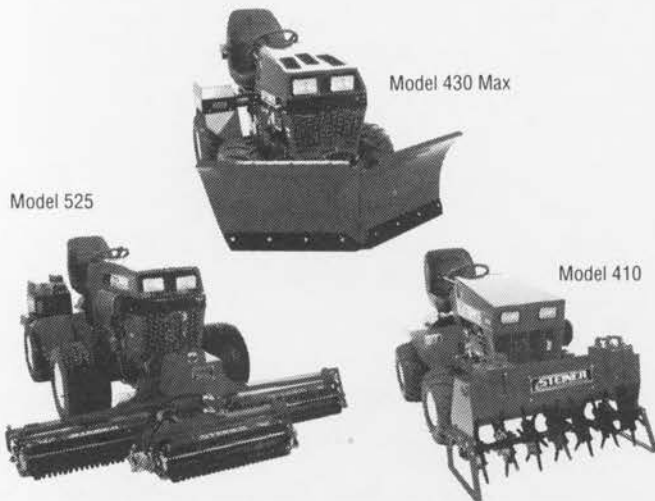
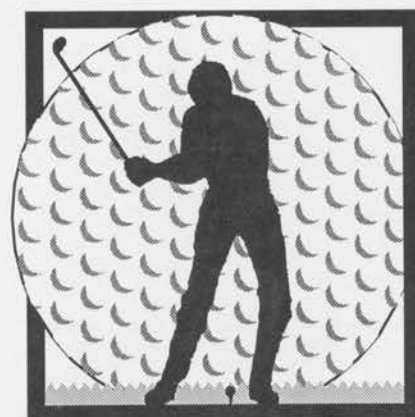
Jim Koziatsek

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Congratulations to all of the winners and we hope to see all of you and your guests next season!

A special thanks to everyone who helped out and to Superintendent Paul Kolbe for a great day of golf (and his 13 bucks).

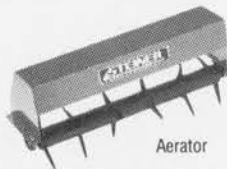


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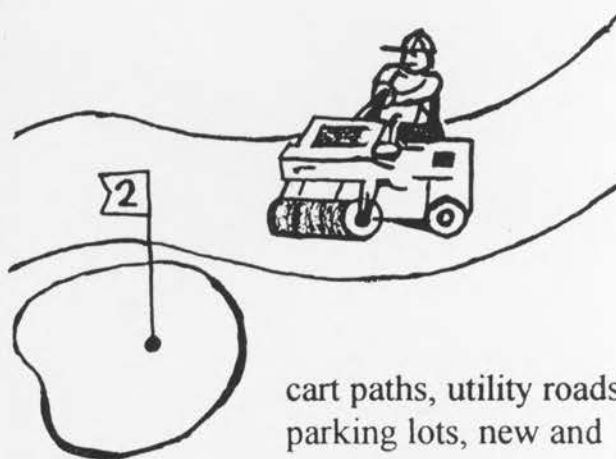
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"THE INVITATIONAL"

by Jon Shreve

This year on July 26th the 23rd "Invitational" Tournament was held at the Links at Pinewood in Walled Lake, where Scott Sabgash is the superintendent. Scott, his assistant William Russett, and crew had the course in great shape for this year's annual event, in spite of the ongoing drought.

The Invitational is a chance for superintendents, pros, key members and course owners to play golf and interact together, while generating revenue towards turf research and junior golf. This year about 80 people participated and, thanks to the generosity of Ernie Fuller, all proceeds were donated to these worthy causes.

In addition to Scott and his crew, Club Manager Amy Hardy and assistant Carrie Resnik helped in organizing and staging the event, along with the help of Gene Bone, P.G.A. pro and Director of Golf. Many thanks to these hard working people, who make these events so enjoyable to attend.

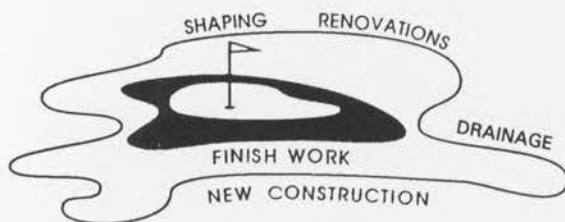
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Topdressing Sports Fields: The Three W's

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Players, coaches and fans all appreciate athletic fields that look good and play well. Most realize the practices of mowing, irrigation, and fertilization are responsible for keeping these fields in playing condition. Maybe a few would even know core cultivation is an important practice. What about the practice of topdressing? It is likely this would be very foreign to most people. Yet, it is just as vital as the four practices listed above. Failure to topdress will lead to an uneven, unsafe playing surface very quickly. Timing of topdressing is essential. Apply topdressing at the wrong time, and you can be the proud owner of a skating rink...too bad it is supposed to be a football field. And finally, use of the wrong material may convert your field to either a parking lot or a quagmire (or a combination of both) for years to come. Topdressing is a science whose importance cannot be underscored and is a valuable tool to the knowledgeable professional. The logical question for implementing or strengthening your topdressing program now is "Why, when, and what? The three W's".

Why Topdress?

We topdress turfgrass to improve both agronomic and playing conditions. The term is self-describing, in that material is applied to the turfgrass surface from above. This is currently the only way to apply material and minimize disruption to your field. There are five major reasons to topdress. Each topdressing application can address one or all of the following reasons:

1. Smooth the playing surface - A smooth playing surface is critical and unquestionable for ball and player performance. However, this same topdressing is used to provide an uninterrupted slope for surface drainage. If this surface drainage is disrupted, then the formation of 'duck ponds' is imminent.

2. Modify the thatch layer - Thatch is our friend, but too much can be our enemy. We do not see thatch on high traffic portions of our sports fields, but there can be excessive thatch accumulation on low use areas. Topdressing modifies the thatch layer, maintaining adequate soil macroporosity and providing a better growing environment for the plant by aiding the microbial community for thatch decomposition.

3. Change the soil texture - If the soil of your sports field

is unsuitable and a wholesale change is not possible, a gradual change could be the answer. This is accomplished through core cultivation and harvesting to remove unwanted soil and subsequent topdressing to incorporate back favorable material. Over time, soil texture changes, and surface and soil conditions improve.

4. Provide resilient surface - Topdressing a new material can change the surface characteristics and provide a more resilient surface that retains macroporosity. This objective often plays hand-in-hand with modifying soil texture; however it can be a single objective after efforts to change soil texture through core cultivation techniques are complete.

5. Provide favorable environment for germination - Sports turf managers know one thing: they lose grass to activities on the fields they manage and they must overseed. Topdressing provides a favorable environment for germination by enhancing seed to soil contact and reducing soil water evaporation.

When to Topdress?

Simply stated, the best time to topdress sports fields is during periods of active growth and little, or no, play. This may be impractical, but it is the ideal to strive toward. In order for topdressing to be effective, it must be at the soil/plant interface. Following topdressing, there is a time period where the particles are migrating to this interface. The speed in which they can migrate is critical. Irrigation will help in this process, but the best aid is simply actively growing grass. Therefore the best time to work topdressing into the profile is the spring and summer for both cool and warm season grasses.

We can learn a little from the golf course regarding topdressing and timing. Putting greens are topdressed, but typically only during periods of active growth. The amount applied matches the growth of the grass and is done to minimize disruption to the putting surface because golf courses receive their heaviest traffic during the growing season. We can take this approach as well, but our amounts in the spring and summer can be greater if there is low play. The higher cutting heights (as compared to a putting green) will also lend themselves to greater amounts of topdressing.

Topdressings during periods of heavy traffic, i.e. during the season, should be done with caution. Fall topdressings during the season should be done early and with caution, if at all. If there is low growth, then it will be difficult for the material to migrate and the topdressing will be unstable, thus creating footing problems on the field. Another issue is the abrasiveness of the material. Topdressing material (like sand) damages leaf tissues, but during active growth times this abrasion is not an issue. However, during low growth periods the plant cannot recover as quickly and this abrasion can accelerate deterioration of the turfgrass plant.

In summary, remember timing is everything! Plan topdressings around periods of active growth and low play. This may mean topdressing in the spring and then late fall after the season. Cool season grasses should be topdressed heavily (6-16 mm) once per year in combination with core cultivation in late spring after spring football and soccer. This will provide topdressing to smooth the surface, modify thatch, and help with surface resiliency. If there are no games until late summer, the heavy topdressing will have time to migrate and not affect play.

What to Topdress?

The choice of topdressing materials is extremely important, with the range of materials available wide and varying. There are a couple of rules of soil physics to keep

in mind. These center around soil macropore space. If your macropore space is the same throughout the root zone then drainage will proceed at the rate allowed by the size of the macropores, etc. If the pore space of the top layer is finer than the pore space of the soil below then water will not flow until the top layer becomes very wet. This has caused many problems on fields over the years, particularly with poor choices of turfgrass sod and/or topdressing. The key is to remember to topdress with a material that is at least equal to or coarser than the root zone material or the material at the surface. This will ensure that the macropore space on top is greater and water will drain at the rate of the root zone profile.

There are numerous materials from which to choose, both organic and inorganic. The potential for success with these materials can be just as great as the potential for disaster. Never use a topdressing product without a thorough understanding and testing of the particle size of the material. Sand is a good example. It is a long-time excellent choice for topdressing, as it is readily available and relatively inexpensive. However, you must perform a particle size analysis for the material, and never assume that a "named" sand will always be suitable for your needs. Numbers and names of sands can have tremendous variation as their origin was usually for road building or construction, not sports fields.

Several products on the market today have proven themselves as very effective topdressing materials. These are heat-treated materials like calcined clay, diatomaceous earth, and porous ceramics. One key to porous ceramics is the particle size of the product. The product helps to maintain adequate macroporosity in the soil profile. Another inorganic product used is crumb rubber from used tires. Although expensive in comparison to sand, one benefit is its lack of abrasiveness on leaf tissue. This can be an advantage during periods of low growth. Again, you must monitor product particle sizes to prevent any soil layering problems.

Conclusion

Topdressing is as essential to quality sports fields as any other cultural practice, and must be included as part of the management plan. Applications should revolve around periods of low play and good growing conditions. Materials should be chosen with an understanding of the particle size and its relation with the existing root zone.



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Serious About Skin Cancer

by Robin Suttell

Skin cancer can kill, so don't think you're immune to it. Here's how to protect yourself from its threat.

The first time certified superintendent Mark Woodward had a skin cancer lesion removed, he was 31 and didn't think much of it. After all, the life-long Arizona resident was young and healthy. Besides, when you're a superintendent in a state that has more than 350 sunny days a year, it's a hazard of the job.

As with any occupational hazard, Woodward, who runs Dobson Ranch and Riverview golf courses in Mesa, Ariz, soon learned about taking the necessary safety precautions. And after several more treatments and a relatively major skin surgery, Woodward, 48, doesn't mess around with the sun.

While most of his work today is behind a desk, Woodward makes sure to cover up -- hat, long sleeves and sunscreen -- whenever he goes outside, even when playing 18 holes recreationally.

"In our area, (the sun) is a serious hazard," says Woodward, also a member of the GCSAA Board of Directors. "We used to think it was normal to get burned, peel and then do it all over again. I didn't wear hats or long sleeves when I was younger. It simply wasn't the 'cool' thing to do."

But as Woodward, other superintendents and dermatologists can attest, getting skin cancer isn't cool, either. It can kill you.

Bright, sunny and deadly

Skin cancer affects one in five Americans. The American Cancer Society estimates that about 1.3 million new cases of highly curable basal and squamous cell cancers will be diagnosed this year. These cancers are more common among individuals with lightly pigmented skin.

The most serious form of skin cancer -- melanoma -- is expected to be diagnosed in about 51,400 persons in 2001. Melanoma begins in the melanocytes, the cells that produce the skin coloring or pigment known as melanin. Because of the presence of pigment, many melanoma tumors are brown or black.

Melanoma is much less common than non-melanoma skin cancers, but it is far more serious. It accounts for only about 4 percent of skin cancer cases, but it causes about 73 percent of skin cancer deaths, according to the American Cancer Society.

Anyone can get melanoma, especially people who freckle or burn before tanning; have fair skin or blond, red or light brown hair; spend a lot of time outdoors; and have a family history of skin cancer.

Skin cancer can be cured if caught early, particularly basal and squamous cell cancers. While malignant melanoma can spread to other parts of the body quickly it is highly curable with proper treatment when detected in its earliest stages. The five-year relative survival rate for patients with malignant melanoma is 88 percent, the American Cancer Society estimates.

For localized malignant melanoma (meaning it has not spread), the five-year relative survival rate is 35 percent. Survival rates for melanoma that has spread range from 13 percent to 58 percent, depending on how far the disease has spread. About 82 percent of melanomas are diagnosed at a localized stage.

The incidence of melanoma has more than tripled among Caucasians since 1980. Out of the estimated 3,800 people who will die from the effects of skin cancer in 2001, 7,800 of those deaths will be melanoma related.

The solution to these staggering statistics is simple: Properly protecting your skin from the sun every time you go outside could prevent the vast majority of skin cancers. But despite ongoing education from the dermatological, medical and cancer awareness organizations, the prevalence of this potentially deadly disease continues to increase nationwide.

The big question is whether or not superintendents have stayed ahead of the learning curve.

Skin cancer savvy

Statistics from the Skin Cancer Foundation show that 80 percent of a lifetime's sun exposure is experienced before the age of 18. A history of five or more severe sunburns during adolescence more than doubles the risk of melanoma, according to a study in the April 23, 1993, issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

The good news is that starting a good habit of protection later in life reduces the risk of skin cancer, experts say. It comes down to education and awareness.

The golf industry has increased its focus on skin cancer prevention on all fronts, and the golf course maintenance

Identifying Skin Cancer

Basal Cell

The most common form of skin cancer, along with Squamous Cell. It usually occurs on skin areas that have been in the sun. It often appears as a small, raised bump with a smooth, pearly appearance. Another type looks like a scar, and it is firm to the touch.

Squamous Cell

The most common form of skin cancer, along with Basal Cell, Squamous cell tumors occur on skin areas that have been in the sun, often on the top of the nose, forehead, lower lip and hands. It often appears as a firm red bump.

Melanoma

It's the most serious and deadly form of skin cancer and the rarest. It begins in the melanocytes, the cells that produce the skin coloring or pigment known as melanin. Because of the presence of pigment, many melanoma tumors are brown or black.

Source: National Cancer Institute

The Skinny on Skin Cancer

1. Practicing regular and proper sun protection could prevent about 80 percent of skin cancers.
2. Everyone is at risk for skin cancer, whatever his or her skin color, and everyone needs protection from the sun.
3. Cloudy skies may make the air temperature cooler, but UV rays are still coming through the clouds.
4. Wear clothing to protect skin as much as possible. Choose long-sleeve shirts and long pants, and wear a hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
5. Some medications, such as antibiotics, can increase your skin's sensitivity to the sun. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about drugs you are taking.
6. Always use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or greater. Look for the number on the label.
7. For best results, apply sunscreen about 20 minutes before going outside to allow it time to bond with your skin.
8. Reapply sunscreen after swimming, perspiring heavily or drying skin with a towel.
9. Don't use sunlamps or tanning booths. A tan from these artificial methods won't protect you in the sun when you go on a vacation. They damage the skin and don't help or protect you.
10. It's never too late to protect your skin. Even if you've tanned or burned before, you can begin protecting your skin today by following these recommendations.

Source: American Cancer Society/Skin Protection Federation

industry is doing its part. Jeff Bollig, GCSAA director of communications, says the issue has been widely covered in association seminars and other industry continuing education initiatives.

"It's a major occupational health issue for our members," Bollig says, adding that the skin cancer-screening booth co-sponsored with the American Cancer Society is a major attraction at the association's annual conference. This year in Dallas, three booth volunteers performed 125 screenings. Only 62 attendees took advantage of the free program the year before.

Bollig says skin cancer issues are also covered in various GCSAA-sponsored seminars and courses dealing with occupational safety issues. Association publications and literature also occasionally deal with the issue. "I don't think there's a lack of information," Bollig adds.

On the player side, Senior PGA Tour star Hale Irwin has teamed with the American Academy of Dermatology as the national chairman of the medical organization's "KNOW Skin Cancer: Cover Up." Irwin, with the help of other LPGA and PGA tour golfers, appears on the airwaves and in print ads reminding golfers at every level to take care of their skin.

The initiative grew out of the results from a national online survey conducted by the National Golf Foundation and *USA Today*. The 1999 study indicated that less than 20 percent of golfers regularly slather on a protective sunscreen before taking to the greens.

"The results of the survey speak to the need for the campaign," Irwin says. "Clearly, there is a lot of work to be done in educating golfers and all Americans about the need to take sufficient precautions if they're going to expose their skin to the sun.

Despite the ever-increasing supply of readily available skin cancer facts and figures, there's one segment of the industry that still believes it's immune: students.

Trey Rogers, a professor in the department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, says he constantly reminds his students to cover up when in the field.

"I ask them why (they don't wear) hats and sunscreen," he says. "But most of them still have the attitude that they're young, and it won't affect them. They're 18, 19, 21 and 22. (They think) they're bulletproof."

Each year, Rogers holds senior seminars in which students select topics to present to the rest of the class. In the 12 years that Rogers has graded these seminars, only three of the small groups have presented information on the hazards of sun exposure in the industry. But Rogers says he hopes more students will discuss the issue in the

future. "You make them aware of it and hope and pray as they evolve that they'll consider the hazards of it," he adds.

Woodward agrees. His son Matt, 23, works as an assistant superintendent and doesn't always use sunscreen.

"I try to make him aware and educate him," Woodward says. "He says he doesn't like the greasy feeling. At my age, I realize protection has no beauty."

The big cover up

As a Sunshine State native, Joseph Boe, superintendent of Coral Oaks GC, a municipal course in Cape Coral, Florida, spent the early part of his life as a sun worshiper.

"I remember we'd spend every waking hour of our weekends on the beach so that we could be deep, dark and tan," Boe recalls. "We'd use oil without any SPF and even add tanning accelerators." Like many "recovering" sun worshipers, Boe's attitude has changed over the years. Now he never steps out into the sunshine without first liberally applying sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or more, a hat and a good pair of wraparound sunglasses to protect his eyes from both UV and UVB rays.

Boe admits that he and his crew don't wear long pants or long sleeves because of the high levels of heat and humidity common to southern Florida year round.

"I can't picture going around in long pants and long sleeves," he says. "My crew members would be dropping like flies. They can cover all exposed skin with a good sunscreen or they can cover up in long clothing and pass out from heat stroke."

In Arizona, where the heat is drier, Woodward and his crew do cover up, not only with sunscreen but with long pants and long sleeves as part of the provided uniform. But it hasn't always been that way.

Woodward recalls in his younger days how he'd marvel that his grandfather, Jay Woodward, would go to work as a superintendent wearing long sleeves and long pants, despite the heat. The younger Woodward would wear shorts and a golf shirt.

"Now I know why he chose that uniform," Woodward says. "The Arizona sun can be intense from the middle of April until October."

On the alert

Any job that requires time outside runs the risk of sun exposure and skin cancer. Even if you don't live in a perpetually sunny climate, you're probably no stranger to skin cancer prevention tips.

Experts at the Skin Cancer Foundation say dressing for sun protection is still one of the best ways to reduce your

Skin Cancer FAQs

What are UVA/UVB rays?

UVA (ultraviolet-A) rays are long-wave solar rays of 320 to 400 nanometers (billionths of a meter). Although less likely than UVB to cause sunburn, UVA penetrates the skin more deeply and is considered the chief culprit behind wrinkling, leathery skin and other aspects of photo aging. The latest studies show that UVA not only increases UVB's cancer-causing effects, but also may directly cause some skin cancers, including melanoma.

UVB (ultraviolet-B) rays are short-wave solar rays of 290 to 320 nanometers. More potent than UVA in producing sunburn, these rays are considered the main cause of basal and squamous cell carcinomas, as well as melanoma.

What does SPF mean?

Sun Protection Factor (SPF) measures the length of time a product protects against skin reddening from UVB, compared to how long the skin takes to redden without protection.

If it takes 20 minutes without protection to begin reddening, using an SPF 15 sunscreen theoretically prevents reddening 15 times longer - about five hours. (Actually, it may take up to 24 hours after sun exposure for redness to become visible.)

While SPF is the universal measurement of UVB protection, no comparable standard exists for UVA. Scientists worldwide are working to develop a standardized testing and certification method to measure UVA protection.

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends using products with a SPF of at least 15, which blocks 93 percent of UVB. While an SPF higher than 30 blocks only 4 percent more UVB, many experts recommend these levels for sun-sensitive individuals, skin cancer patients and people at high risk of developing skin cancer.

What is broad-spectrum protection?

The phrase indicates that a product shields against UVA as well as UVB but does not guarantee protection against all UVA wavelengths. Most broad-spectrum sunscreens and sunblocks with an SPF of 15 or higher do protect against UVB and short UVA rays. If they also contain avobenzone, zinc oxide, or titanium dioxide, they should be effective against the entire UVA spectrum.

What are the early warning signs of skin cancer?

The Skin Cancer Foundation suggests remembering your ABCDs when doing a skin exam:

A - Asymmetry: Common moles are round and symmetrical.

B - Border: Skin cancers may have uneven borders.

C - Color: Varied shades of brown, tan or black and also red, white, and blue.

D - Diameter: If a spot is larger than a pencil eraser, it could be trouble.

How is skin cancer diagnosed and treated?

Every diagnosis begins with a thorough examination of the skin growth or lesion under a bright light. Your doctor likely will take a biopsy - a sampling of the growth or lesion - for further diagnosis.

Treatment entails one of several methods including excisional surgery, curettage-electrodesiccation, cryosurgery, radiation therapy, topical chemotherapy or a newer procedure called Mohs micrographic surgery. Almost all skin cancer diagnosed early and treated promptly and appropriately can be cured, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.

risk of skin cancer. Look for a tight weave, loose fit and darker colors for more protection.

"Remember, sunscreen is not to be worn in lieu of clothing," cautions Allan Halpern, chief of dermatology services at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and vice chairman of the American Cancer Society's Skin Cancer Advisory Group.

In fact, prevention goes beyond applying sunscreen and dressing appropriately. Dermatologists recommend that adults perform regular skin self-examinations, looking for any skin changes at least every three months.

Skin cancer takes many forms. Anything that changes, grows or fits any of the "ABCD" warning signs should be taken seriously. A doctor should examine anything suspicious.

Common warning signs include a change in a mole, a sore that does not heal, a skin growth that increases in size, or a spot that continues to itch, hurt, scab.

A 1999 study at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine revealed that more than half of melanomas were detected by the patients themselves, while another quarter of tumors were detected during full skin exams by physicians.

Having had skin cancer in the past, Woodward says he no longer takes chances. He visits his dermatologist every three months for a routine exam.

"In fact, I have one coming up soon," he says. "I want to be sure I keep on top of it and not have any surprises."

Suttell, a Cleveland-based free-lance writer, believes a deep, dark tan is overrated.



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GCSAA Cancels 75th Anniversary Celebration and Chapter Delegates Meeting

by Tim Dorner, CGCS
Chapter Delegate

Due to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, GCSAA made the decision to cancel all the festivities and events that were to take place in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary celebration, slated for September 13-16 in Kansas City, Missouri. Hours after the attacks on New York and Washington, GCSAA President Tommy Witt released the following statement:

"In light of today's tragic events, I am announcing that the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is canceling all scheduled activities this weekend in the Lawrence, Kansas/Kansas City Metropolitan Region. This includes the 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Chapter Delegates Meeting and the Chapter Leadership Program. It is not appropriate to host a celebratory event in wake of today's tragedies, nor do we want to risk the safety of anyone who would have to travel."

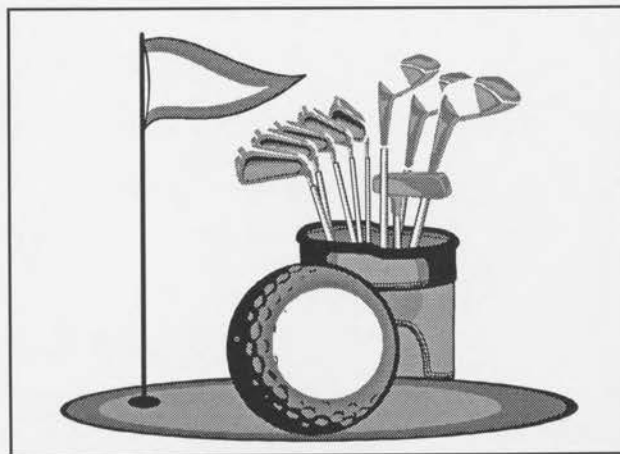
"We will provide additional information, such as rescheduling and refunding, as soon as it becomes available. We will continue to use the GCSAA web site at <http://www.gcsaa.org>, and the "Members Only" discussion forum as a timely means to disseminate information. We are also contacting as many affected parties as possible by telephone. Should you have questions, contact GCSAA by telephone at (800) 472-7878."

"We extend our thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families at this time of need."

There was not additional information about rescheduling

available at the time of the deadline for this article. An update and discussion will take place regarding the issues currently on the table with GCSAA and the slate of candidates for the GCSAA Board of Directors at the December 11th meeting, to be held at Birmingham Country Club.

In addition to the discussion that will take place regarding GCSAA matters, a round table discussion will take place about many issues involving our local chapter. This is always an excellent meeting. Mark your calendars for December 11th and plan to attend.



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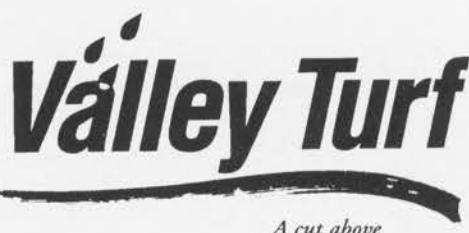
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Polo Fields Golf & Country Club

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Roll Call:

Present - Abbott, Kolbe, McKinley, Matthews, Szyndlar

Absent - Dorner, King, Murphy, Poley, Shreve

FINANCE (Murphy)

June Assn svgs: \$33,462.25 June Fdtn svgs: \$18,410.08

June Assn chkg: \$1,358.27 June Fdtn chkg: \$483.06

MEMBERSHIP (Dorner)

Total membership - 440; Applications - 1

AWARDS (McKinley/Matthews)

Heritage Awards - Announcement in Mid-Summer *POG*. Applications available August 15th.

GCSAA DELEGATE/Liaison

Tim Dorner will be this years' Delegate. Meeting in Kansas to be held in September.

GOLF DAY (Matthews/Murphy)

Flyers will be in Mid-Summer *POG*. First committee meeting August.

NOMINATIONS (Kolbe)

Committee is considering nominees. Bios will be in Fall Issue of *POG*.

SOCIAL (Murphy/Abbott)

CRUISE - Summer Couples Event - 82 attended. Good time.

HOLIDAY PARTY- No report.

WELFARE (Murphy)

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Harold Prieskorn passed away June 22. Flowers and card sent.

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Bay Pointe Golf Club

Tuesday, August 28, 2001

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Absent - Dorner, Poley

FINANCE (Murphy)

July Assn svgs: \$27,740.73 July Fdtn svgs: \$3,428.14

July Assn chkg: \$940.98 July Fdtn chkg: \$475.06

MEMBERSHIP (Dorner)

Total membership - 441; Applications - 5; Class Change - 3

EDUCATION (King/Shreve)

Sept. meeting - Wolf from Classic/Education, Maple Lane GC

Oct. meeting - Annual Meeting/Golf/Election, Lochmoor Club

Planning 2002 Schedule in Sept.

GOLF DAY (Matthews/Murphy)

Committee making calls to vendors and superintendents for sponsorships and donations.

SOCIAL (Murphy/Poley)

HOLIDAY PARTY - Dinner and Theatre @ The Fox - Members Only , Cost-\$150/couple

MICHIGAN ROOM 20021 (Poley/Shreve)

Plans are in the works for Orlando, Fla.

WELFARE (Murphy)

Jim Vandenberghe's (Links of Novi) father passed away. Flowers & card sent.

John Siegreen, Retired, passed away August 11. We were not notified. Card sent.

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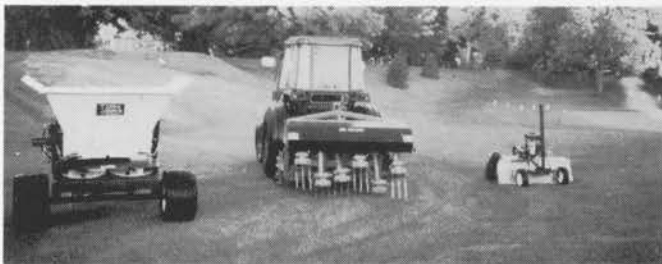
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- Oct. 15 Annual Business Meeting @ Lochmoor Club (golf & Assn. election)
- Nov. 13 Regional GCSAA Seminar @ Double Tree Novi (education)
- Dec. 8 Social: Holiday Party (spouse outing) - Dinner/Fox Theatre
- Dec. 11 Superintendent Only Roundtable @ Birmingham CC (education)

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- Oct. 15 Annual Meeting @ Flint GC
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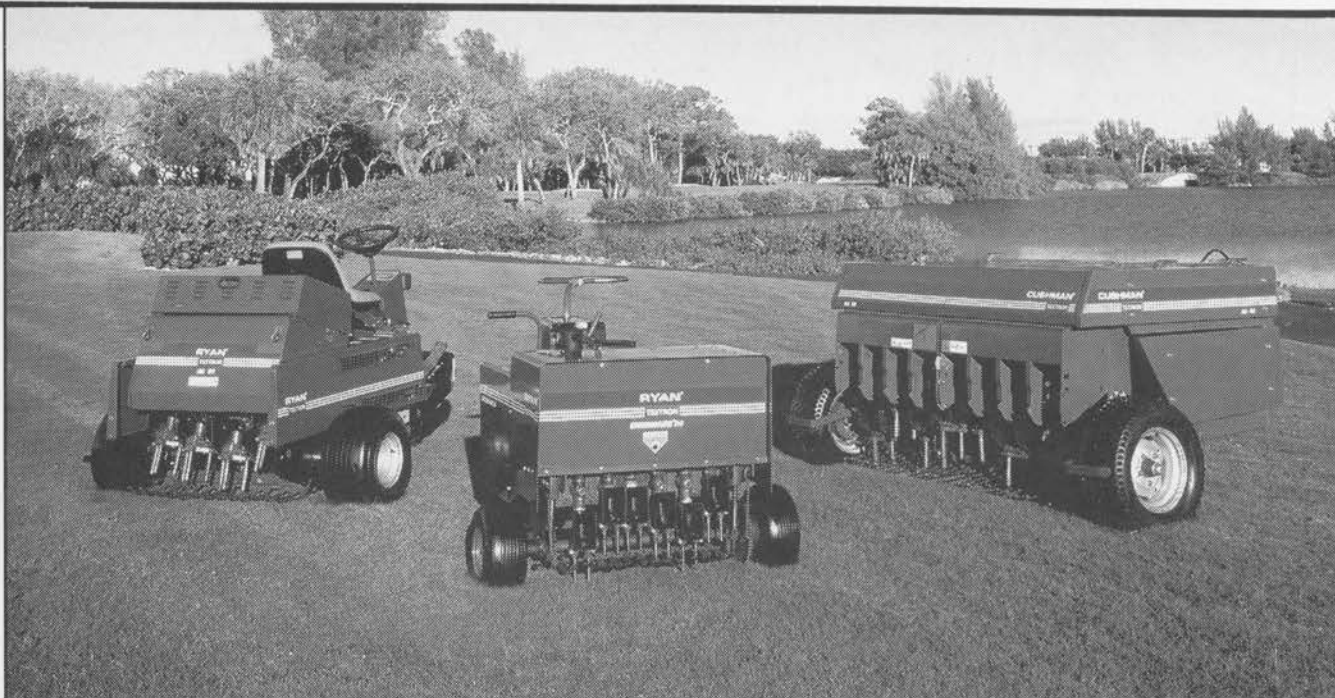
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