



Presidents Message

Greetings to all,

Spring is finally here, and we are all busy getting geared up for the upcoming season. I hope all of you and your families are well.

I would like to outline some actions taken by the Board of Directors so far this year. I feel it is important for the membership to be kept up to speed on these issues; so here goes.

As you may or may not know our Vice President, Mr. Jim Meagher of Purple Sage Golf Course, has resigned his position on the Board. Jim is moving to Pennsylvania to be closer to his family. We as a Board wish to thank Jim for his willingness to serve, and wish him the best of luck in all of his endeavors. This obviously left us with a vacancy to fill. The bylaws state that the V.P. must be a Class A Superintendent. Jason Moon has agreed and has been appointed to fill this position. His name will be on the ballot for President next year, with the understanding that we will look for others to run for President and that nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.

As all of you who attended our annual meeting in St.

George last fall heard, the profit and loss statement for our Association was not...the best news. Therefore, the Board has made it a priority to make this years P&L, hopefully a little better. To achieve this goal we as a Board have had to make a few tough decisions, which I am sure you will agree are for the benefit of our Association. First, we have can-



JD Ransom

called the Superintendent Highlight that was appearing in each issue of Fairways Magazine. This was costing us \$1500 per issue. While we greatly appreciate our friends at Fairways Magazine and their help in promoting our profession, it is just not cost effective to continue this year. It is our hope that future Boards will be able to revisit this and in better times use this tool once again. Second, the IGCSA newsletter will now be completely online and can be viewed on the website. The benefits of publishing the newsletter online are more than just the obvious monetary ones. Now everybody will receive it. Never again will anyone not receive the newsletter because of a

wrong address, or any other reason. Third, we have eliminated the August meeting. This is simply a cost cutting measure for this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (435) 835-7467.

I would like to encourage all of you to come out to our meetings and events. Our first meeting will be in May. I know that Phil has worked hard to arrange a course for the meeting and that Bob and his committee will have some excellent education for us. The IGCSA is exactly what its members make it. So please, come out to the meetings, play some golf, and have some fun. See you soon.

J.D.

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Phil Millett ..Honored by JACOBSSEN

Charlotte, N.C. (February 20, 2009) – Phil Millett, the Corporate Golf and Turf Service Manager with RMT Equipment in Salt Lake City, Utah, was recently honored with the first ever 2008 Achievement in Customer Excellence (ACE) award from Jacobsen, a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company. The Jacobsen ACE Award is given to only one individual across the company’s entire worldwide dealer network in recognition of an outstanding individual per-

formance in customer service over the past year.

Ralph Nicotera, Jacobsen vice president of sales, presented the award to Millett. “Our dealer network and service representatives from across the country and around the world exemplify the qualities that have made us a leader in the golf and turf industry,” Nicotera said. “The Jacobsen ACE Award is reserved for an individual who goes above and be-

yond to deliver on our reputation for exceptional service every day, and Phil Millett has done an incredible job of this over the past year.”

Phil Millett was presented with the award at Jacobsen’s annual dealer and customer event, held during the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans, La.

“If you didn’t bring it with you , you won’t find it here”

Ben Hogan

The Importance Of Understanding Labels

By Todd Burkdoll, BASF Turf & Ornamentals, Technical Specialist

Product labels aren't the type of reading material that you can snuggle up with—but they're also not the kind you can ignore or just skim through before filing away.

Labels deserve routine attention beyond the one-time, quick read after purchase. However, it can be common practice to follow use recommendations from colleagues and distributors without analyzing the important details explained on the product's label. But doing so can save money, prevent injury and help grow better plants by ensuring product performance.

Most people using fungicides, herbicides and insecticides only ask themselves, "What product do I need to control the weed, insect or disease and what rate do I apply?" Rate information is essential, but labels provide a technical breakdown and need-to-know information prior to application. Here are five key areas to read on a label:

1. Mix Mindfully

The tank mixing section of a label lays out exactly how to combine a product with other additives. Glazing over these guidelines can create an unusable compound, clog application equipment and reduce efficacy.

The basic rule of thumb—mix dry materials first, then add liquids—may not ring true for all products. One must be mindful of variances between

generic and patented formulas and know that even though an active ingredient may be the same, its formula could require different a mixing order. So don't rely on old standards—get up to speed on the label's specifics before adding each product to the tank.

2. Follow Special Statements

Special statements on a label clearly communicate how to use a product for particular conditions. In uncontrolled climates, weather is an important variable to consider.

Be sure to make note of the rainfast or drying times mentioned in a special statement or you may lose your valuable pest control efforts to precipitation. Retain product effectiveness by making sure spray technicians are also in-the-know about circumstances included in the special statements section.

3. Get to Know Group Numbers

Group numbers help avoid the risk of disease resistance by identifying which fungicides, herbicides and insecticide products operate under the same mode of action. Usually included on the first page of a label, group numbers make it easy to organize products with different modes of action into a rotation program. For example, if you notice signs of resistance after using a fungicide in Group 1, try using a product with a different group number in the next application.

4. Acknowledge Agricultural Use Requirements

Agricultural and non-agricultural use requirements on product labels are important and vary depending on product use. A greenhouse or nursery employee, for instance, may use the same product as a turf professional, but has to abide by a completely different set of rules with regard to protective equipment and re-entry interval. Failing to read this section of a label could harm employees, plants and the environment.

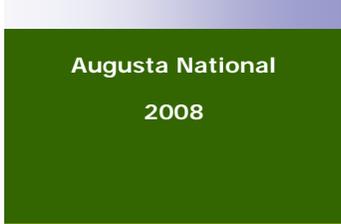
5. Follow restrictions and limitations

Carefully read the "general restrictions and limitations" section on your product labels. Knowing the "do not" statements list can mean the difference between having profitable, healthy plants and turf—or damaging an entire crop with poor application practices. Brushing up on labels you haven't read since last year can make all the difference.

General suggestions

Making a 10-15 minute investment in reading a label can save a lot of time and hassle compared with the fallout of misusing a product. Schedule a label date once a year where you can carefully re-familiarize yourself with old labels and dissect the details of new updated labels. The best place to obtain current labels is www.cdms.net.

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