

Powell Named "Researcher of the Year"



Mike Robinson, left, president of Seed Research of Oregon, and Dr. Leah A. Brillman, right, research director, presented the award to Dr. Powell at the last GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Dallas.

Dr. A. J. Powell Jr, Extension Turfgrass Management specialist with the Department of Agronomy at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, was named "Researcher of the Year" for 1993 by Seed Research of Oregon Inc. Dr. Powell was recognized for his many years of turf research serving the industry and the consumer, especially in the transitional zone environment.

PGMS Conference Set for November

Registration is now being accepted for the Professional Grounds Management Society annual conference in St. Louis, November 13-17.

According to PGMS President Robert F. Rubel, the 1994 Conference will be slated to the needs of grounds managers and have a balanced program to be equally valuable to everyone.

Topics to be discussed include pesticide concerns, air quality considerations, water scapes, lighting, fertilization, equipment, computer applications, and drug- and alcohol-testing procedures. Also included is the Society's annual luncheon and business meeting on November 14; and the Grounds Maintenance Awards Banquet on the evening of November 15.

Also covered in the registration fee is admission to the Green Industry Expo, which will be at the America's Center Convention Hall.

New York Approves Primo

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation has registered Primo, a turfgrass growth management tool, for use on turf in the state of New York.

The growth management substance from Ciba is registered for use on a variety of turf including golf courses and other commercial areas. When used at standard rates, it can reduce turf growth and clippings by as much as 50 percent for four weeks during prime growing periods.

Edel Gets the Hat Trick

Edel Grass America, a full-service playing-surface company, landed three installations in less than a month, bringing its number of North American fields to six in just over one year of operation. The Charlotte, NC headquarters is the North American office of Netherlands-based Edel Carpet.

The project at Wilfrid Laurier will make history twice: It is the company's first foray into Canada; and the material composition of the field is making its debut into North America as well. The field is made of a new fiber called SPF-4400Dtx, developed by TTC of Nijverdal, the Netherlands. The fiber is a combination of polypropylene and polyester, and is specially designed for knitting and resistance to pile crushing.

Washed Sod Steals the Show

The Arneson River Theater in San Antonio, TX is an outdoor facility with stage and seating areas divided by the San Antonio River. Constructed in 1939, it is one of the distinguishing landmarks of The Alamo City.

It also became a mud bowl each season due to compaction, poor drainage and heavy daily use during the summer season. Regular resodding was necessary. The maintenance staff believed that high-quality turf was unattainable in this dense traffic area.

Thomas Bros. Grass installed Bayr Root washed turf, with a Netlon reinforced root zone in the seating area. The result was a quick-rooting, more wear-tolerant surface with great drainage that is expected to withstand the intense summer traffic.

Kelty Promoted by Scotts

Dr. Michael P. Kelty was recently promoted to senior vice president of technology and operations of The Scotts Company.

Kelty is responsible for research, development, engineering and quality assurance. In addition, he heads direction of all manufacturing of fertilizers, seed, organics and soils.

Kelty joined Scotts in 1979 as a regulatory affairs adviser, and later became the director of advanced technology.

Burlingham Seed Celebrates 80 Years

Burlingham Seed celebrates 80 years of operation to the seed trade industry this year. The company was founded in 1914 by Earnest Frank Burlingham as a seed store serving the local farm trade near Portland, OR. At that time, the seed trade was driven by farm and forage seeds for grazing and food production.

Surviving the Great Depression and two world wars, the Burlingham's brought on the first turf grass seed harvest to Oregon's Willamette Valley in the late 1940s. Sales increased during the post-war era due to the reconstruction of Europe and Asia. During this time new lawn and forage seeds were introduced to European and Asian customers.

In the mid-1970s, the company introduced the first family of proprietary bluegrasses to the world, such as Bonnieblue, Majestic, Birka and Sydsport.

Old Tires and Compost Brings New Turf

It was the first major renovation of Carson Park Football Stadium since its construction in the late 1930s. The playing surface had poor drainage, soil compaction and an uneven playing surface.

Renovation came about through an unlikely connection—old tires and compost, marketed as Rebound. Using a grant funded by Wisconsin's \$2-per-tire fee collected with new-vehicle registration, the City of Eau Claire was able to get new turf put into the stadium and keep 11,600 used tires out of landfills.

The renovation included soil analysis, surveying the stadium, establishing the grade and installing the soil amendment. In addition to the tires, the project used 260 cubic yards of compost—saving 1,000 cubic yards of landfill space.