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MAIN EVENTS

12 WEST SIDE TENNIS CLUB: SUPERINTENDENT PRESERVES TRADITION IN AN EVOLVING SPORT
Jim Sheridan is the second generation of his family to manage the courts at West Side Tennis Club, the former site of the U.S. Open. The club has adapted to the changes in tennis since 1909. Sheridan explains the special maintenance needs of traditional clay and grass courts.

17 AERATION TAKES ROOT IN SPORTS TURF
Dr. John Harper covers the history of the turf aerator and innovations that have brought the technology from a pitchfork to high-pressure jets of water. This article explains the pluses and minuses of each type of aeration device. Any sport turf manager battling compaction caused by heavy traffic should read this article.

23 WOODBRIDGE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB: SUPERINTENDENT PRESERVES CHARACTER OF HISTORIC WESTERN COURSE
Woodbridge Golf and Country Club in the San Joaquin Valley has grown steadily for more than 60 years. Current superintendent Jim Hustin's job is to improve the course without changing its character. He is trying a slow-release fertilizer to correct the up and down appearance of green and tee surrounds.

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CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON DROUGHT

The effects of drought on turfgrass will be emphasized during the Fifth Annual Turfgrass Research Conference and Field Day on September 17 at the University of California, Riverside.

“Our program each year is designed for people who need to keep abreast of new findings regarding turfgrass performance, cultural requirements, and pest management,” commented Victor A. Gibeault, cooperative extension environmental horticulturist at UCR. “And this year that certainly means looking at what we have learned during this prolonged drought.”

Topics covered during the event will include:
**Effluent Water: A Valuable Irrigation Resource.**
**Polymer Studies on Turfgrass.**
**Irrigation System Efficiency for Water Conservation.**
**Optimum, Deficit, and Survival Water Requirements of Turfgrasses.**

Other presentations during the morning will include "Kikuyugrass and Buffalograss Response to Roundup," "Kikuyugrass Control Studies," and "Zoysiagrass Improvement for California Turf Sites."

During the afternoon field day at the agricultural experiment station, attendees will see plots of new zoysiagrasses and buffalograsses, light intensity and natural shade studies, and natural organic fertilizers. A presentation on the CIMIS irrigation management systems and their relation to the drought will also be given.

For more information contact Sue Lee, Agricultural Operations, 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507, (714) 787-5906.

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