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TurfGrids is a polypropylene fiber that is used to stabilize turf and high vehicle traffic areas such as turf parking or roadways. TurfGrids act like a mass of indestructible roots to increase load bearing in the rootzone. The manufacturer says product does not interfere with standard maintenance operations.

Stabilizer Solutions/800-336-2468 For information, circle 166



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For use with natural turf fields, Permaline synthetic grass lining system can offer a cost-effective solution to field marking and slash your budget, says the manufacturer. Other benefits include: 10-15 year life; 5-yr. guarantee against UV



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In & On the Ground



MODULAR CENTRAL CONTROL

Hunter Industries has introduced the IMMS, a modular central control system that has made large-site irrigation management and monitoring more affordable for commercial and institutional facilities, says the company. Up to 100 different locations can be networked from a single centralized IMMS computer. Each location can handle up to 100 controllers networked into the IMMS site interface.

The system's modularity means you can network a limited number of controllers initially, then add to the system as your budget permits.

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The EZ Adjust Series sprinklers from Toro are available in high-pop, lawn pop-up, and shrub models. All arc, flow, trajectory, and radius adjustments can be made from the top of the sprinklers, which are clearly marked with laser-etched indicators.

The top arc adjustment permits settings from 30-360 degrees and an easily seen red band on the riser allows quick verification of the setting. A left-arc indicator is visible on body and cap. The sprinklers have X-Flow feature that shuts off water flow while the system is running. Water pressure maintained in the sprinkler body holds up the riser, leaving your hands free to make arc or nozzle changes without getting wet.

> The units are vandal resistant; a Smart Arc feature returns the sprinkler to its preset arc in case of tampering, and a slip clutch prevents gear damage by vandals.

The Toro Company/ 800-664-4740 For information, circle 164 or see www.OneRS.net/301sp-164



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Around the Grounds

Workshop draws 70 to upscale local fields

B uild it and they will come." Not groundskeeper Tim Lewis's exact words, but close. What Lewis actually said was: "Our new fields have already started to pay for themselves in rentals."

Lewis's fields at Bohlken Park in Fairview Park, OH, were the site of an October 2002 workshop sponsored by Baker Vehicle Systems, Macedonia, OH. More than 70 Cleveland-area sports-turf managers attended.

"This year, we ran baseball games from mid-March to mid-October," Lewis said. "We had 91 games on Field No. 1."

The park (four baseball fields, one girls' softball field and one soccer field) was shut down in June 2000, and re-opened in June 2001, after crews had laid 600 yards of new sod. When the park re-opened, it featured a baseball field with one of the few grass infields in the area.

"The four baseball fields have 31 irrigation zones with 150 heads," Lewis told the gathering. "The infields are a mix of sand, silt and clay, topdressed with Diamond Pro and Turface, which do a tremendous job when mixed together. There's also a strip of sod around the outside edge of the three dirt infields to keep the infield mix from going onto the concrete and going down the drains when it rains."

Lewis spent 19 years as a groundskeeper at old Cleveland Municipal Stadium, which was home to the MLB Indians and NFL Browns. "When the kids play here, I want them to feel like they're at Jacobs Field," he said, referring to the Indians' current home field.

Rob Palmer of Weed Pro, Sheffield Village, OH, said



BY JERRY ROCHE

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that the fertilization schedule is based on a late-fall application. "We apply three pounds of nitrogen from September to late November," he said. "And we check the soil

pH twice a year, because if the pH is off, you don't get the result you want from the fertilizer. As a general rule of thumb, the program we use at Bohlken Park would work on a number of clay-based fields."

Greg Elliot, head groundskeeper for the new Lake County Captains Class A minor-league baseball team, suggested urea. "It's the cheapest fall fertilization product, and it's quickest [to green up] when it heats up in the spring," he said. "If you don't have irrigation, one pound of organic nitrogen in the summer might be the way to go. But you should rotate the products you use frequently."

Paul Gillen of Aerway, Ontario, Canada, demonstrated his aeration equipment. He was pleased with the turnout. "Athletic-field managers should do more of this thing," he said, "where they can meet and learn from each other at the local level. There are plenty of distributors who are glad to sponsor this kind of event."

Fairview Park Rec Department director Tim Pinchek and Rick Baker and Ron Wolf of Baker Vehicle Systems organized the event. Test equipment and product information were provided by Aerway, National Mower, Jacobsen, Steiner, Excel Hustler, Turfco, Smithco, Cushman, Broyhill, Soil Reliever, Ryan, Kioto, Diamond Pro, ProSource One, Harmony Products, and Ryan/Textron.

Jerry Roche is editor of Landscape & Irrigation.

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