In The News



Oregon Sends Seed to Rose Bowl

Oregon didn't send a football team to the Rose Bowl this year, but its seed played an important role in preparing the field. Turf Merchants sent a specially designed Oregon Grown grass seed to Pasadena for the annual game.

The Mixture, known as Special FX, caters to Southern California's unique climate needs. It is used in warm climate areas to overseed dormant bermudagrass turf for winter months. The mixture contains Froghair intermediate ryegrass grown by Malpass Farms of Harrisburg, Ore., and Evening Shade perennial ryegrass grown by Golden Valley Farms of Silverton, Ore.

The Special FX Mixture produced a thick green grass, which covered very quickly to meet the challenge of game day. When the hot weather returns, the playing surface will transition the mixture out in favor of its native bermudagrass.

TPI Will Reward Thousandth Member

To help reach its goal of increasing world-wide membership to 1,000 by summer, Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) has announced a campaign that will reward the thousandth member with a year's free membership. The member who brings in the new recruit will also be rewarded with a \$1,000 cash prize.

The "GO for the Grand" campaign encourages current members to enroll potential turfgrass sod producers in TPI. The member who recruits the most new producers will be recognized as the "Top Recruiter," and any member who brings in even a single Class A recruit will be honored with the title, "Grand Recruiter."

Winners will be announced during TPI's Summer Convention and Field Days July 16-18 in suburban

Washington, D.C. For membership materials, call: (800) 405-TURF or fax (847) 705-9898.

U.C. Davis Will Hold **Two Day Course**

The University of California Extension Davis, in cooperation with the U.C. Cooperative Extension, is offering a twoday course that will focus on current techniques and research results pertaining to sports turf management. The program will be of special interest to sports turf . managers, park and recreation site managers, school grounds managers, horticultural consultants, and other professional . turf and landscape managers.

Sessions will include three hours of pest control advisors (D.P.R.) and eight • hours of Certified Crop Advisor. 1.2 U.C. **Extension Continuing Education Credits** are pending.

For further details, write to: University Extension, University of California, Davis, CA 95616; or call: (530) 757-8899 or (800) 752-0881.

STMA Awards **Scholarships**

The STMA recognizes that the future of this industry lies in the education, dedication and commitment of upcoming students. The not-for-profit organization attempts to spread its wealth of industry knowledge by disseminating scientific. educational and practical knowledge about the science of growing grass and the art of maintaining sports turf.

To further the cause of education, STMA awarded the following scholarships for 1998:

• In the category of two-year community colleges or technical programs: Ryan Kaspitzke, a freshman in turfgrass management/sports turf at the Michigan State University Institute of Agricultural Technology.

•In the category of four-year college or university programs: Raechal Elizabeth Sager, a senior in horticulture/turf management at the University of Wisconsin -Madison.

•In the category of graduate programs: Andrew S. McNitt, a graduate student specializing in soil science/athletic field surface characterization at Penn State University.

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