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Holiday Greetings

During this special time of the year family and friends gather together to celebrate the wonder of the season and recall fond memories of holidays past and present with loved ones.

It is a time to rekindle old acquaintances, reflect on that which is most precious to us, count our blessings, and share our joy with those we hold most dear.

Wherever your travels may lead you; be it in the home of friends or family, or in the comfort of your own home, the Officers and Board of Trustees, and the entire staff of Turfgrass Producers International, wish you the very best and extend our warm wishes to you and yours for a happy and joyous holiday, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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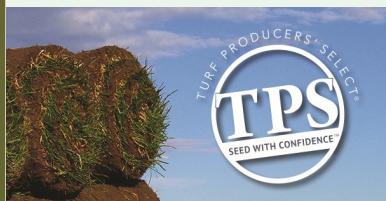
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University of Florida's Dr. Kevin Kenworthy (left) and Dr. Bryan Unruh (right) began seeding test plots in October at SMR Farms near Tampa, Florida for TPI's 2017 International Education Conference & Field Day. Photos by Dr. Kevin Kenworthy

TPI'S HOST HOTEL FOR THE 2017 EDUCATION CONFERENCE OFFERS GREAT TENNIS INSTRUCTION

When TPI board member Hugh Dampney of ECO Turf, Christchurch, England had an opportunity to recently visit the Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida (Host Hotel for TPI's 2017 Education Conference & Field Day), he thought he would explore Saddlebrook's much talked about Tennis Camp and their nationally recognized Tennis Program.

A longtime (twice a week) tennis player of nearly 40 years, Hugh was curious as to why so many tennis enthusiasts of all ability levels, as well as professional players, flock to Saddlebrook's tennis camps. The Saddlebrook is noted for offering "the world's best tennis instruction" and maintains 45 beautiful courts featuring all four Grand Slam tournament surfaces.

Hugh began with a private one-on-one session with an exceptional coach. After a ten-minute workout he had what he referred to as concentrated training focusing on his backhand. Hugh also participated in an 8:00 am to 3:00 pm group session that also proved invaluable.

When asked how many players made up the group, Hugh said around thirty. But the large group was broken down into smaller groups of four players and each group was assigned a personal tennis coach.

Hugh said the coaching he received was unparalleled. "It was fantastic and exceeded my expectations. I would recommend the program to any TPI members who enjoy playing tennis even if they are novices.

The classes were well structured, the coaching was targeted on each player's individual ability and it was worthwhile."

Hugh strongly recommended that if members or their guests have an interest in scheduling lessons they should contact the Saddlebrook and make reservations in advance.

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SeedWORLD

As featured in the October 2016 issue of Seed World.

A TPI Member points out — ACCURATE INFORMATION IS KEY

By David Bradley

Nearly 30 years in the turf industry has given me a wealth of knowledge and experience in cool season grass varieties. Over the last year-and-a-half I've become acquainted with new warm season varieties that are shaking up the industry and creating renewed enthusiasm for what's possible in lawn grass and bringing heightened awareness to the environmental benefits these new varieties have to offer.

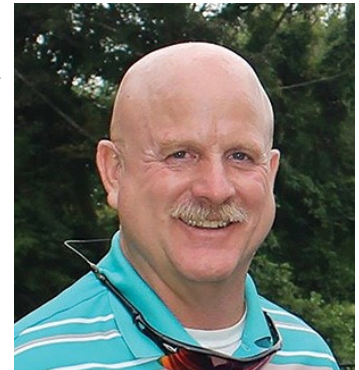
The future is promising and exciting for warm season and cool season grasses. Many of these new grasses are already in the pipeline and are amazing when compared to the grasses that existed just a generation or two ago. Cool season varieties like fescue, buffalo grass, bluegrass, Texas hybrid bluegrass, and some of the blends of Kentucky bluegrass crossed with Texas hybrids are becoming more heat tolerant. I've also seen some new vegetative types including varieties like Bermuda, Centipede, St. Augustine and Zoysia that are all becoming more cold tolerant.

It's an exciting time to be in the industry and see the tremendous research that's going on. Every venture that's as varied and exciting as the turfgrass industry faces its share of challenges. Right now, one of the biggest challenges is the ever-present need for better education, not just as it relates to the public sector, but within the industry itself.

Keeping homeowners, sports field managers, golf course superintendents, landscape architects, building contractors, landscape professionals, government decision-makers and others up to date with innovations as a result of new grass varieties is important, but so is keeping people informed as to what grasses work best in individual regions of the country.

The Pursuit of Knowledge

As we continue to evolve, it's important to have an awareness of current research studies, keep abreast of trends, and have a heightened awareness of how some grass varieties might work extremely well in one region, but not so well in another.



David Bradley, National Sales Representative for Georgia's The Turfgrass Group

Weather is a factor throughout the world and recent changes in weather patterns have already created variations in plant growing zones. Weather, soil conditions and many other factors result in an ever-present question for the industry — how do we ensure everyone has the knowledge they need about new grass varieties, and a fundamental understanding of what works and what doesn't?

“Like so many other professionals, it's evident that the better producers are often the ones who are more proactive, seek out good information, ask questions and welcome innovation.” - David Bradley

Part of the problem is misinformation. With the Internet dominating so many aspects of our lives, a lot of information is floating around, but some of it is often misleading or unintentionally incorrect. Information based on extensive research and reliable testing is critical and it may come from a variety of sources.

Universities do research on site, but they also work with turfgrass sod farmers, using their fields to test new varieties for such attributes as greater drought tolerance, water efficiency, disease resistance, salt tolerance and insect resistance. In addition to research, education is crucial. Many universities have excellent websites to gather current information and share it with producers and homeowners. Extension specialists are another excellent resource, serving as a conduit between university research specialists, industry and the general public.



ACCURATE INFORMATION IS KEY (Cont'd)

Also of importance are the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials. The program develops and coordinates uniform evaluation trials of turfgrass varieties and promising selections.

As a turfgrass producer or as a provider of turfgrass varieties, we have to make the most of the regional information we have. Between the NTEP trials, The Lawn Institute, universities and turfgrass sod farms, there is no shortage of sources for good information.

And of course, no one knows the soil types within individual areas better than the farmers growing crops within those regions. Turfgrass farmers, much like other farmers, are stewards of the land, environmentally conscious and are committed to protecting and preserving the land and water for future generations.

One of the things I enjoy most about my job is going from region-to-region and working with farmers.



Like so many other professionals, it's evident that the better producers are often the ones who are more proactive, seek out good information, ask questions and welcome innovation. Who better to answer their questions than someone who makes their living in the industry and takes pride in what they do?

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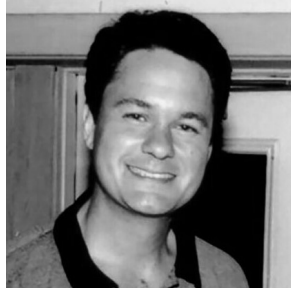
The fourth in a series of photo quizzes as TPI prepares to celebrate its 50th Anniversary this coming February in Tampa, Florida.

These are photos from the ASPA/TPI archives. How many of these TPI members can you identify?

1



2



3



4



5



6



WANT SOME PRETTY PRICEY TURFGRASS?

When the New York Yankees began selling off bits and pieces of old Yankee Stadium (built in 1923) they thought it was an opportunity to cash in.

The Yankees reportedly paid the City of New York over 11 million dollars for the right to sell memorabilia from the old stadium. This included around 2 acres of the turfgrass sod and dirt.

So, what was their asking price for a piece of turfgrass sod? Back in 2009, Ron Hall of Landscape Management reported the Yankees were asking the following prices for a piece of the 85 year-old stadium.

- 1 ft. X 1ft. piece of sod, \$120
- 2 ft. X 2 ft. piece of sod, \$280
- Assorted patches of sod between home plate and the pitcher's mound, \$6,000
- "Authentic sod" from the Yankee's logo behind home plate, \$50,000
- Some of the sod was also available in coin-shaped containers for \$80.

So, how did the sale go back in 2008? Did fans show up in droves? Was there a line around the old stadium with eager buyers waiting to buy a piece of history?

Well, we did a little checking and we have reason to suspect there's a warehouse, somewhere in New York City with a heck of a lot of freeze-dried grass waiting to be sold to someone . . . anyone. — J. Novak

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUIZ — “DO THESE FACES LOOK FAMILIAR?”

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Clark Bell | 0 CORRECT — Hmm . . . maybe give it another try. |
| 2. Brent Vosika | 1 CORRECT — You a point for knowing someone. |
| 3. Wayne Thorson | 2 CORRECT — Four of these people probably don't know you either. |
| 4. Ronald Nixon | 3 CORRECT — Only three huh? |
| 5. Norm DeBuck | 4 CORRECT — Been around for a while, huh? |
| 6. Eddie Zuckerman | 5 CORRECT — Very, very impressive. |
| | 6 CORRECT — Bravo! |



PHOTO: iStock)



PHOTO: Linda Tschirhart-Hejl

Residents in San Jose, California are begging for help because they have been victim to nightly attacks by a rogue pack of pigs. Surveillance cameras have caught the pigs feasting on lawns long into the night. By the time morning comes, residents say their lawns look like war zones.

KTVU in Oakland, California reports the pigs are coming from a vast open space area and are active at night. It's becoming quite a mess in San Jose's East Foothills where homeowners are discovering their lawns in ruins. "When you see this much damage it's pretty obvious that it's definitely more than one pig" said Ron Coopersmith of San Jose. Coopersmith's lawn is one of more than a handful that has been damaged and he considers himself lucky. His lawn is not as bad as his neighbors. He said a pack of feral pigs are coming from ranch land across the street.

"As it keeps getting more and more dry there's less food for them out there so they come in here and they are grubbing," said Coopersmith. "They are looking for grub, looking for worms."

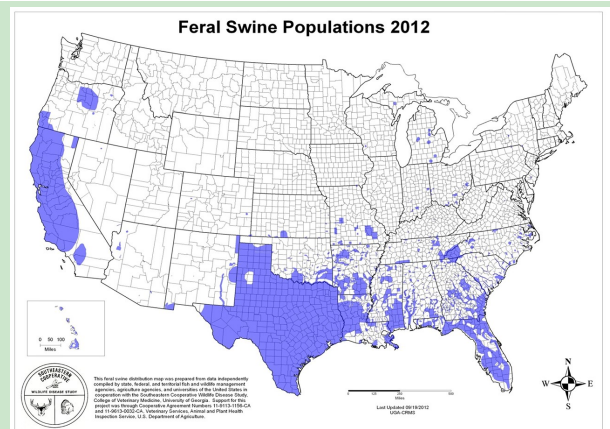
Andy Pangelina a licensed trapper said the pigs are active this time of year fattening up for the winter. He suggests homeowners put up a temporary plastic or metal fence around their lawn to keep them away and if confronted, make noise. He said, whatever you do, don't approach them as they can be dangerous.

It is legal in California to shoot and kill pigs if they become a nuisance—and tearing up lawns does qualify these pigs as a nuisance. As of this writing no pigs have been killed.

**HELP IS ON THE WAY...
IT JUST MIGHT TAKE A WHILE**

In the past three decades, wild pigs have been spreading across the U.S.A. to an estimated 5 million in 39 states and counting. *Scientific American* reports experts are working hard to find a way to contain them, between the damage they cause and efforts to control them, wild pigs cost some \$1.5 billion per year. In addition to damaging lawns

and eating crops, they can ruin fields by digging, threaten local species, and contaminate streams. The federal government is directing \$20 million toward thinning their ranks. The program involves destroying the wild pig population in two states every few years, starting with the states that have the fewest pigs. — USA Today 10/26/14



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Utah Governor Gary Herbert presents award to FireFly Automatrix executives Steve Aposhian and Andrew Limpert

FireFly Automatrix named Utah's fastest growing company

Salt Lake City, Utah: FireFly Automatrix, manufacturer of automated turf harvesters, was named the fastest growing company in Utah. The AgTech group claimed the top spot on Mountain West Capital Network's Utah 100 list among a record number of nominations. The award is based on percentage of revenue growth and recognizes performance in arguably the hottest business climate in America.

FireFly Automatrix, operating under the name FireFly Equipment, builds their harvesters in North Salt Lake and distributes them to turfgrass farms throughout the United States and Australia, with plans to enter new international markets.

BALANCING WORK— LIFE GROWS MORE CHALLENGING DURING HOLIDAYS

Jill Odom | November 15, 2016

The thoughts of Jill Odom, associate editor for Total Landscape Care seem especially meaningful. And worthwhile to anyone faced with the challenges of work and family during the holiday season. Our thanks to Jill for letting us share this with our readers. — Jim Novak

It's ironic the holidays that promote being thankful and grateful for each day are also when things seem the most hectic and unappreciated.

The holidays often present somewhat of a circus act of maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Some experts say there is no such thing and others say no amount of advice can help a person restructure his or her life. Both are partially right. The truth is that you have to actually want the balance before you'll ever do something about it.

If you have decided this is something that your life needs and you'd like to be less consumed with work, here is some simple advice.

Prioritize

At the end of the day, you know what work must get done and what tasks can be saved for a rainy day or a later time. If you are having to choose between work that you know can be finished later, and quality time with your family, just ask yourself which one is more important?

During the day, work should be your priority. Responding in a timely manner to customers' concerns helps them know they are a priority. However, they also have families and know you have one too. If you really want to take the upcoming holidays off, let your regular clients know. They'll appreciate you took the time to think of them and they'll respect that you deserve some time off as well.

If you have a difficult client demanding that you come plow their driveway for the third time in a row, you have to decide which is the priority. There's nothing wrong with putting the customer first if that's what you're concerned about. It's all about what comes first in your life.

BE THANKFUL



"Enjoy the little things. Not everyone works in an industry that allows you to enjoy the outdoors and give back to the environment. Being able to create beautiful green spaces is definitely something to be thankful for."

Jill Odom – Total Landscape Care

Build a trusted team

If you're the company owner, it can sometimes be hard to let go of some of the responsibility. One of the best ways to maintain a good work-life balance is hiring capable employees and then trusting them to handle the duties you give them.

Without a strong team to support you and help carry some of the administrative duties, you'll end up overworked and overwhelmed. There's nothing wrong with needing a little help so don't be afraid to have a core group that can step in to take some work off your plate.

Even if you have some employees who aren't that experienced, a great number of them are more than capable and willing to learn. Take the time to train someone if you don't currently have anyone who you feel could pick up the slack.

**BALANCING WORK—
LIFE GROWS MORE CHALLENGING DURING HOLIDAYS - Cont'd**

Just say 'no'

This ties in with the first two pieces of advice. If you don't have the staff to take time off yourself, you're going to have to go back to your list of priorities.

For some, working during the holidays isn't a problem. The customer is king and for some landscapers work is life. If that is what makes you happy and that is your priority, there is nothing wrong with this. Likewise, if time with family to observe holiday traditions is a meaningful part of your life, you might have to turn down certain clients' requests or put them on hold for a few days.

Sometimes the giving season can stretch you thin, especially if you are involved in as many charitable activities as possible. Yet, you must remember your limits and know what you really have the time and resources to commit to. It is better to say no than to make a promise you cannot keep.

Sleep

You may think you can sleep when you're dead, but getting quality rest is more important during this stressful time. You won't be as productive at work or as pleasant to be around in your personal life if you're sleep deprived.

"Prioritize sleep, even if it means leaving the festivities early," Elizabeth R. Lombardo, author of *Better than Perfect*, told U.S. News. "Sleep deprivation will only increase your physical and psychological stress."

Chronic sleep deprivation increases your risk for type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity and depression.

Enjoy the little things

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle, you can find yourself wishing the holidays away, but it is important to remember you don't have to wait for the holidays to reflect on what you should appreciate.

Enjoy the little things. Not everyone works in an industry that allows to you to enjoy the outdoors and give back to the environment. Being able to create beautiful green spaces is definitely something to be thankful for.

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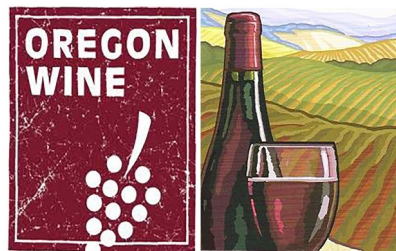
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As TPI looks forward to celebrating 50 fabulous years, there's no better way to support this milestone than by contributing to the Farm Challenge.

The Brookings of Brookmeade Sod Farm have pledged to donate \$100 for every year of their 45 year membership and they challenge other farms to do the same. Match their pledge and donate \$100 for each year you have been a member. Donations of any size are welcome!

Farm Challenge donations will fund 50th Anniversary Celebration activities and TLI research, education and scholarship initiatives.



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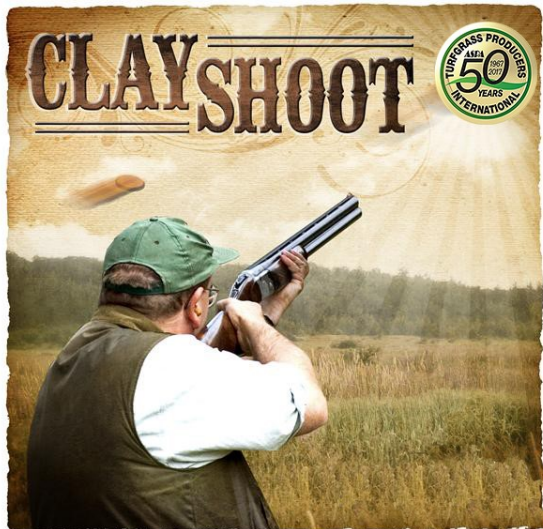
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1. THE SUNSHINE STATE

The state of Florida has hosted more **ASPA/TPI** conferences and conventions than any other location. How many times has Florida hosted an **ASPA/TPI** event?

a. 7 b. 9 c. 12 d. 15 e. 16

2. THE WORDSMITH

When **Wendell Mathews** retired in 2000 as the editor of **TURF NEWS**, how many issues of the magazine had he edited?

a. 40 b. 68 c. 84 d. 124 e. 144

3. TWO TERM PRESIDENTS

Over its history a few individuals have served two terms as president of the Association. Can you guess how many individuals served more than one term?

a. 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. 5 e. 6

4. IN FOR THE RIDE

In a 2006 survey TPI members were asked them how many tractors they owned. 137 members responded. Can you guess the combined number of tractors they reported to own?

a. 722 b. 827 c. 938 d. 1307 e. 1526

5. OUR FIRST HOME

Where was the location of the first **ASPA/TPI** office?

a. Hastings, Nebraska b. Toledo, Ohio c. Sycamore, Illinois d. Fairfax, Virginia e. Indianapolis, Indiana

6. CHA-CHA-CHANGES

In what year did The Lawn Institute change its logo?

a. 1994 b. 1998 c. 2000 d. 2007 e. 2011



7. WAY BACK WHEN

In what year was this photo taken?

a. 1959 b. 1963 c. 1968 d. 1971 e. 1975



TPI HISTORY DO YOU KNOW?

ANSWERS:

- 1-c 12
 2-e 144
 3-c 4 (Ben Warren 67-69, Tobias Grether 70-72,
 Jack Kidwell 72-74 and Norman LeGrande 75-77)
 4-d 1307
 5-a Hastings, Nebraska
 6-d 2007
 7-c 1968 (Green Valley Turf Farm—Canfield, Ohio)



ASPA/TPI's first official office in Hastings, Nebraska—1973

TURF TRENDS FOR CHANGING TIMES

FREE Live Stream Symposium

NCSU is hosting a research symposium on Dec 14th. The event is free of charge and can be attended in person or via live stream.

For more information and to register please go to events.reporter.ncsu.edu/turf

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TPI Members are invited to participate in North Carolina State University's Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research & Education **FIRST ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

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North Carolina State University's
 Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research & Education
 First Annual Research Symposium:

"Turf Trends for Changing Times"

Guest Speakers:

- **Viney Aneja, North Carolina State University**
"Global Climate Change: The Role of Agriculture and its Impact on the Environment"
- **Dana Lonn, The Toro Company**
"Emerging Technologies in Turfgrass Maintenance"
- **Jose Milan, Bayer Environmental Science**
"Future of Plant Protection Products for the Turfgrass Industry"
- **Paul Raymer, University of Georgia**
"Are Transgenic Turfgrasses in our Future?"
- **Scott McElroy, Auburn University**
"Herbicide Resistant Weed Evolution in Turfgrass"

NCSU Speakers:

- Grady Miller: *"Shedding Light on Athletic Field Paint and the Turfgrass Response"*
- Susana Milla-Lewis: *"Developing Genomics Tools for Warm-season Grasses"*
- Travis Gannon: *"Characterizing Pesticide Fate in Turfgrass Systems"*
- Jim Kerns: *"Pythium Puzzlement: Linking Biology to Management"*
- Rob Richardson: *"Managing aquatic weeds to protect irrigation uses & aesthetic benefits"*
- Rick Brandenburg: *"Turf Insect Management: Progress or stuck in the mud"*

December 14th, 2016 8:00AM – 5:00PM

IEI Duke Energy Hall - James B. Hunt Library

The symposium will be **streamed live**

For registration: events.reporter.ncsu.edu/turf





The 2017 International Turfgrass Research Conference New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA—July 16-21, 2017

Conference and Hotel Registration are Now OPEN

<http://www.turfsociety.com/itrc2017/>

Conference and Hotel Registration are now OPEN for the 13th International Turfgrass Research Conference (ITRC), one of the most anticipated events in 2017!

ITRC 2017 Highlights

Highlights include keynote addresses from internationally renowned scientists; an evening reception to recognize Dr. Jim Watson - one of the pioneers in the turfgrass industry; a full day of technical tours that will highlight the extraordinary range of turf venues in the NJ/NY city region; an American-style BBQ at the Rutgers Turf Research Farm at the Hort Farm; a full day of technical tours is planned including a stop at the USGA; a Twilight Dinner Cruise of the NY/NJ Harbor, with views of the Statue of Liberty and the NY City skyline, and a Zoysiagrass Symposium showcasing invited speakers who will give a world-wide perspective on this important and under utilized turfgrass species; plus much more.

The Conference will conclude with an optional afternoon tour of the world-famous Rutgers Breeding Programs at the Adelphia Research Farm.

Plan to attend the largest and most comprehensive gathering of turfgrass professionals anywhere in the world. Learn about the latest discoveries in turfgrass science and get inspired by the scientific sessions, field tours, and stimulating discussions.

Mark your calendars now to join the more than 500 participants from 26 countries who are anticipated to attend the 13th ITRC in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA from 16 to 21, July 2017.

There will be a Pre-Conference Tour to Washington, DC and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a Post-Conference Tour to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville, North Carolina. Check out the ITRC Website for details.

Early-bird registration discounts are now in effect, Student Travel Award Applications are currently being accepted, and many of the technical and accompanying person's tours have limited capacity.

Go to the ITRC Website (<http://www.turfsociety.com/itrc2017/>) and register today to join the more than 500 participants from 26 countries who are anticipated to attend. For more information contact:
Ms. Anne Diglio
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ITRC will coincide with TPI's 2017 Summer Program in New Brunswick, NJ. More details will be forthcoming in future issues of *Turf News* and the TPI E-Newsletter.



"We've reduced wetting agents by 50%, and saving 50,000-100,000 gallons of water per night."



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EXCLUSIVE TPI MEMBER BENEFIT IS GETTING EVEN BETTER

Turfgrass Information File TGIF

On November 1st, the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) database began to take on a new look as the first phase of redesign began. Visitors will see some immediate enhancements.

TGIF is administered by The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC) a specialized unit at the Michigan State University Libraries (MSU), and houses the most comprehensive publicly-available collection of turfgrass research and educational materials in the world, and has continuously produced the database since 1983. The database contains more than a quarter million records, with over 60% of those records linking the user directly to the full-text of the item.

The database is an irreplaceable resources for students, researchers, and professionals around the world who are responsible for maintaining golf courses, lawns, athletic fields, and managed landscapes of every kind.

Access to TGIF is a significant added benefit to TPI members at no charge, the database is only available to others for a fee.

To access TGIF go to the "Members Only" tab on the TPI website (www.turfgrassod.org) and click on Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) and enter the TPI Username and Password.



If you need assistance with the new TGIF search interface, have encountered an error, or would like to provide feedback - please get in touch with them at: 1-517-353-7209 or tgif@msu.edu

FROM THE ASPA/TPI ARCHIVES AWARD WINNING PHOTOS

A series of award winning photos were found in the ASPA/TPI archives of what was then Kidwell Turf Farms located in Petersburg, Virginia. Photos were featured in the August 1990 issue of Communication Arts magazine. The photographer was identified as John Henly.



Kidwell Turf Farms
Installing irrigation 1990
Photo: John Henley



The following is a substantially abridged version of an article that will appear in the Jan/Feb 2017 issue of *Turf News*. –JN

TPI FIELD DAY HOST – SMR FARMS GROWING STRONG SINCE 1922

By Suz Trusty

Gary Bradshaw, President of SMR Farms, and his entire team are looking forward to being the host farm for TPI's 2017 Field Day on February 22. SMR Farms is one of southwest Florida's most successful land management and agri-businesses, continuing a long tradition of delivering a variety of products on the 32,000-acre property.

The business started in 1922, when the Uihlein family, founders of the Schlitz Brewing Company, acquired over 48 square miles of land in Florida, east of I-75 in Manatee and Sarasota counties, at the southern reaches of the greater Tampa Bay area. The Uihleins originally pursued timber and ranching activities on the property, branching out over the years to create what is today Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc. (SMR), the parent company of SMR Farms.

SMR Farms is the agri-business arm of the company which includes the turfgrass, tree, landscape, citrus and cattle operations. Bradshaw says, "It all works together with the parent company. The highlight is Lakewood Ranch, an 8,500 acre master-planned community encompassing all aspects of residential and commercial development.

SMR Farms currently has approximately 800 acres in improved Turfgrass production.

"We seek the best Turfgrass varieties we can grow to match the needs of the multiple markets we serve.

Part of that involves cooperative research with Dr. Kenworthy and Dr. Unruh of the University of Florida.

Field Day attendees will see the Zoysia grasses we're evaluating as part of their program.

Drs. Kenworthy and Unruh also set up and planted the TPI Seed Test Plots, all cool-season grasses, and those will be ready for viewing, too."



Cattle • Turf • Trees • Landscape • Citrus



Gary Bradshaw
President SMR Farms

LITTLE GIRLS CAN PULL ON A DAD'S HEARTSTRINGS . . . AND PUSH HIS BUTTONS TOO!



Rob Lagrou and his daughter Lauren of Middlesex Sod Supply, Thorndale, Ontario harvesting sod.

Ian True of Trebro Manufacturing provided this photo and added the comment that little Lauren loves to help out her dad with the harvesting and is apparently very good at pushing buttons.