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Field Day To Feature New Grasses & UF Researchers

Learn about the latest innovations in sports turf, golf turf and lawn turf at the New Grasses Field Day on Tuesday, October 25th at the Emerald Island Turf farm in Avon Park, Florida.

Join us from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm to learn about the best uses, maintenance characteristics and insect tolerances of new Zoysias, Centipedes, St. Augustines and Seashore Paspalums.

Researchers from the University of Florida who developed the new grasses will be on hand to answer your questions. Plus, CEUs are available.

Your \$10 entry fee includes a BBQ rib lunch. All proceeds benefit turfgrass research.

The event is sponsored by the University of Florida, FTGA and Environmental Turf.

RSVP online by Wednesday, October 19th at www.environmentalturf.com/events



SeaDwarf™ In Action!

Below is a partial list of some of the golf courses and sports fields where SeaDwarf™ is now in use:

Sports Fields:

- Hollywood Park Racetrack, horseracing, Inglewood, CA
- Oyster Creek Park, soccer field, Punta Gorda, FL
- Royal Oaks Park, soccer field, Miami Lakes, FL
- Central Winds Park, baseball, soccer, football, Winter Springs, FL
- Carmelita Park, football, Punta Gorda, FL

Golf Courses:

- Club de Golf Alcanada, Palmas de Mallorca, Spain
- Old Palm Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- Ritz Carlton, Grand Cayman
- Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, Rancho Santa Fe, California
- Ocean Point Golf Links, Fripp Island, South Carolina
- Fox Hollow Golf Club, New Port Richie, FL
- Coco Beach G&CC, Puerto Rico

ENDORSEMENT NEWS

SeaDwarf™ Earns Endorsement Of “The Golf Doctor” Mike Calbot

Internationally known PGA Tour Instructor and Trick Shot Artist Mike Calbot, aka “The Golf Doctor,” has endorsed SeaDwarf™ Seashore Paspalum turfgrass for use on golf courses from tee-to-green. Calbot said he chose to endorse SeaDwarf™ for two reasons: the golfer-friendly playability of the grass as well as its environmentally friendly properties.

“For the average golfer, the firmness of the grass will promote better ball/clubface contact thus, more fun and better shots,” Calbot said. “On the fairways, the ball sits up on top of the grass and it’s easier for contact with mid and longer irons and fairway woods.” (Continued...)



Mike Calbot



Calbot characterized golf course greens grassed with SeaDwarf™ as “very true and a lot less grain” than the bermudagrass greens many of his students are used to playing.

“I think golfers will notice the improved difference in their game,” Calbot said.

After a recent round of golf on a course grassed with SeaDwarf™, Calbot said, “I felt like it was prepped for a tour event.”

Calbot, who travels all over the world performing in trick-shot shows and teaching golfers the finer points of the game, said the environmentally friendly aspects of SeaDwarf™ are also of great importance to him.

SeaDwarf™ can be irrigated with nearly any quality water, from potable to effluent, brackish, even seawater with proper management. The grass takes up to 75-percent less nitrogen for fertilization and up to half the amount of water for irrigation than bermudagrass. Plus, ordinary table salt can be used as an herbicide. Courses grassed with SeaDwarf™ often save money on water use as well as chemical applications.

“The golf courses that I visit around the world are always looking to cut budgets and are concerned about the environment. In Florida, it’s already a huge grass. I can also see a great need for it in the islands, the Bahamas, the Mediterranean. I just came back from China where water is a huge problem,” Calbot said. “This grass, as I see it, has no downside.”



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Golf Courses (Continued):

- Hammock Bay G&CC, Naples, FL
- Twin Oaks Golf Course, San Marcos, California
- Plantation Preserve, Plantation, FL
- St. Kits Golf Course, Virgin Islands
- Provo Golf Club, Turks & Caicos, BWI
- Lost Key Golf Club, Pensacola, FL
- Playa Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico
- Crown Colony Golf & Country Club, Fort Myers, FL
- Tuscany Reserve, Naples, FL
- Jacaranda Golf Club, Plantation, FL
- Parkland Country Club, Parkland, FL
- Costa Caribe Golf Resort, Mercedite, Puerto Rico

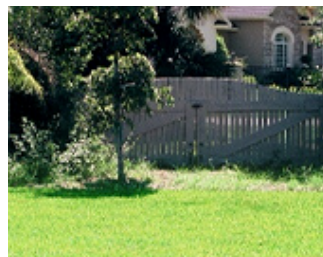
Grasses from Environmental Turf and our network of licensed growers:

- SeaDwarf™ Seashore Paspalum
- Aloha™ Seashore Paspalum
- Hammock™ Centipede
- UltimateFlora™ Zoysia
- PristineFlora™ Zoysia
- DeltaShade™ St. Augustine

RESEARCH

Hammock™ Centipede Test Site Yields Exciting Results

In the past year, more than a dozen turfgrass test sites in warm season states were established by Environmental Turf to test several varieties of our turfgrasses in differing climates, uses and soil conditions. This issue’s article looks at a test site for Hammock™ Centipede at a residence in Naples, Florida. (Continued...)





Jim Glase, owner of golf course construction firm, Glase Golf, works with turfgrass all day. When he comes home at night, the last thing he wants to do is worry about maintaining more turfgrass. When Jim heard about the low-maintenance features of Hammock™ Centipede, developed by the University of Florida, he agreed to make his home lawn a test site for the grass.

Results so far have yielded exciting results. True to expectations, Glase said the Hammock™ Centipede in his lawn requires very infrequent mowing. The grass was installed last winter, which is the dry season in Naples, Florida. In the first three months after installation, Glase said he mowed the grass once. By comparison, a Floratam St. Augustine lawn would have been mowed every 7 to 14 days.

Even more telling though, are the low-mow results Glase saw during the summer growing season for the warm, humid climate of Southwest Florida. During that time of year, a St. Augustine lawn must be mowed every 5 to 7 days. In the same time frame, Glase reports that vertical growth of the Hammock™ Centipede test lawn was slow enough that it only required mowing at 2-week intervals.

For more information on Hammock™ Centipede, visit: www.environmentalturf.com/hammock



Jim Glase



☉ Paspalum Maintenance Tips

- Use salt as an herbicide. In the early morning, with dew still on the turf, sprinkle a bit of table salt on the weeds. The moisture in the dew helps the weeds take in the salt.
- Use iron for green-up. Rather than adding nitrogen to your paspalum turfgrass, try an application of iron. You'll get great color without growth.
- Use less water. Paspalum takes up to 50% less water for irrigation than bermudagrass.
- Use less nitrogen. Paspalum only needs about 4 - 6 lbs. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. annually.
- Use nearly any quality water. Paspalum withstands high levels of salt. Potable water is not needed. Effluent, gray water, even seawater under some conditions can be used for irrigation.
- Use a sharp blade. SeaDwarf™ can be mowed down to 1/10th-inch but the blades must be sharp. A reel mower with a sharp blade will produce the best results.

For more information, download our book "Suggestions for the Care of Seashore Paspalum" under Maintenance Tips on our website.

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