



# **FORCE OF NATURE**

THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from  
National Organization Responding Against 'HUJE' that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)



# **Golf Industry Collision Course in British Columbia**

## **We Got A Problem ...**

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We Got A Problem ...

The « *we* » in that statement encompasses ANYONE WHO HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GOLF INDUSTRY.

Somewhere in the cacophony of news, I'm sure you've heard that the provincial government has plans to create new legislation concerning pest control products.

This topic exhausts me but it also gets me riled up.

It's hard not to appear as a single minded, uncaring, environmentally polluting, self-interested capitalist WHEN OPPOSING A PESTICIDE BAN.

I can appreciate people's concerns, but the debate has become entirely emotional, and has turned into a pissing match between both sides and their experts.

Both sides have arguments that support their view, but as anybody over 30 years old, or anyone who follows the news, knows IT IS ALL ABOUT HOW YOU PRESENT YOUR FACTS.

Remember, « *pesticides* » represent a very broad category that includes more than just Weed-N-Feed products.

You need to understand what you're supporting, for or against, and the consequences of your choice or inaction.

Provincially, the ball got rolling in British Columbia, I think, with the New Democrats proposing Bill M-203 ( Cosmetic Pesticide and Carcinogen Control Act ).





# Collision Course !

Although Cosmetic Pesticide and Carcinogen Control Act was DEFEATED, some of the proposals were —

- PROHIBITING the use of pest control products on GOLF COURSES with a 5 year phase-out
- PROHIBITING the use of pest control products on NON-RESIDENTIAL AREAS including institutional, industrial, commercial and recreational properties
- allow municipalities to pass more restrictive PROHIBITIONS
- any PROHIBITION does not apply to the agriculture or forestry industry ! ( a contradiction that kills me every time I see it )

If pest control products are so bad, then why not an across-the-board PROHIBITION ?

Economics ?

Employment ?

Here are some statistics about the Golf Industry —

- The Golf Industry contributes over 4 billion dollars in gross production annually
- The Golf Industry employs nearly 50,000 people in British Columbia
- Tax revenue from the Golf Industry exceeds 400 million dollars annually

# Collision Course !

Here is one fact that no person can dispute, and one that I promise will happen without the use of pest control products —



Snow Mold Damage  
on a Putting Green

With the climate in our area, the biggest disease issue is Snow Mold and the damage it causes.

There are NO EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVES to fungicides for Snow Mold control.

There are numerous angles to the debate, but in politics it is numbers, financial and votes, that drive any government decision.

Right now, decisions are being made on assumptions that, for instance, information derived from an on-line survey in February 2010 is indicative of all British Columbians feelings towards a ban.

That survey had 8000 respondents with 88 per cent supporting a PROHIBITION on the use of pest control products.

## **The Golf Industry is on a COLLISION COURSE**

By 2012, the NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS PROHIBITION of pest control products used in the Urban Landscape WILL BE IMPOSED throughout the Province of British Columbia.

In 2011, the Government of British Columbia invited the public to participate in MOCK-CONSULTATIONS concerning a proposal to PROHIBIT pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

The MOCK-CONSULTATIONS by Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides were DONE IN BAD FAITH.

The British Columbia PROHIBITION will be 100 per cent Politically-Based and 0 per cent Science-Based.

And PROHIBITION will INEVITABLY include the GOLF INDUSTRY.

The Golf Industry DESERVES Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION as much as the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

In a DESPICABLE effort to DISTRACT activists, government officials, and the public, several trade associations like Western Canada Turfgrass Association ( WCTA ) have SUPPORTED the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape since 2008.

Even MORE DESPICABLE, some Golf Industry trade associations like Golf Canada have FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED Anti-Pesticide Organizations such as Canadian Cancer Society in their CONSPIRACIES against the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

The Golf Industry MUST DEMAND that Golf Canada ( a.k.a. RCGA ) TERMINATE ALL RELATIONSHIPS with all Anti-Pesticide Organizations that conspire to prohibit pest control products, like Canadian Cancer Society. The fund-raising program Golf Fore The Cure MUST BE TERMINATED.

Golf Canada MUST CEASE SUPPLYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS to organizations that have publicly THREATENED, REPEATEDLY, the Golf Industry with Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION.

With NO REMORSE, Golf Industry trade associations TORPEDOED the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

The government officials who are members of the Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides may consider following the advice of organizations like Canadian Cancer Society, and recommend to IMPOSE PROHIBITION on ALL those industries that use pest control products, INCLUDING THE GOLF INDUSTRY.



## **British Columbia PROHIBITION is INEVITABLE**

The PATCH-WORK of VARYING DEGREES of PROHIBITION may be deemed as UN-DESIRABLE in British Columbia.

The Golf Industry enjoys the benefits from an Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION EXCEPTION STATUS despite the fact that it uses the VERY SAME INGREDIENTS used in Professional Lawn Care maintenance.

If it is safe to walk and play on a pesticide-treated golf course putting green, it is also safe to walk on a pesticide-treated lawn.

WHEN the Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides concludes that pest control products are NOT SAFE for use on HOME LAWNS, then it MAY also conclude that the very same products are UNSAFE for use on GOLF FACILITIES.

Moreover, Golf Course maintenance requires MORE PESTICIDE-INPUTS than Professional Lawn Care turf.

Golf Industry trade associations ALLEGE that the best way to MINIMIZE INPUTS is through the use of Integrated Pest Management ( IPM ), despite the fact that, overall, IPM cultural practices DO NOT CONTROL PESTS of established turf and ornamentals.

Consequently, the Golf Industry MUST CEASE focusing on the INEFFECTIVE practices of Integrated Pest Management ( IPM ) as the solution to its public affairs problems.

Golf Industry trade associations also ALLEGE that pest control products are not used « *cosmetically* » on golf courses, and yet, a DEBATE RAGES ON about GO BROWN Anti-Cosmetic Golf Maintenance.

The Golf Industry must plan for the INEVITABLE and TOTAL REVOCATION of its EXCEPTION STATUS in British Columbia and across Canada.

The Golf Industry must adopt the policy that the ONLY COURSE OF ACTION AGAINST Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION is through LITIGATION.

The Golf Industry must TERMINATE ALL RELATIONSHIPS with all Anti-Pesticide Organizations that conspire to prohibit pest control products, like Canadian Cancer Society, World Wildlife Fund, and others.

All related charitable tournaments that provide financial donations and support to these Anti-Pesticide Organizations must be SUSPENDED.

We are living in the 9|11 Era of Anti Pesticide Terrorism where at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by enviro lunatics.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by FAKE SCIENTISTS, JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOUR — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space industry.

NORAHG morally represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people associated with turf and ornamental plant maintenance who are OPPOSED to Anti Pesticide PROHIBITION and the CLOSURE of green spaces under the RIDICULOUS PRETEXT of somehow « saving » the environment.

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NORAHG is dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

Anti Pesticide HUJE are enviro lunatics and lawn haters who particularly DESPISE the golf industry — they are Hateful Underhanded Jokes as Environmentalists who have been WRONG FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

There is NO RECOURSE but LITIGATION against these HUJE, as well as CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVOCATION of the TAX EXEMPT STATUS of their organizations. HUJE should Get Off Our grASS, and they should Roast In Hell.

Anti Pesticide HUJE are advised that all names, statements, activities, and affiliations have been ARCHIVED for eventual CRIMINAL CHARGES.

NORAHG manages The Library of Force Of Nature Reports and References for all Anti Pesticide Terrorist Acts of Subversion.

The NORAHG of Library Force Of Nature Reports and References is a VAST ARCHIVE of DOCUMENTS, AUDIO CLIPS, and VIDEOS on ALL Anti Pesticide Activities has been made AVAILABLE through NORAHG to anyone interested in LITIGATION.

These ARCHIVES contain names, statements, activities, and affiliations of ALL anti pesticide vermin, including government officials, as well as charitable prohibition terrorist organizations that DO NOT DESERVE ANY tax exempt status.

Interested parties need only to send NORAHG their REQUESTS for ANY INFORMATION needed in the War Against Lunatic Terrorist PROHIBITION.

NORAHG also produces FORCE OF NATURE, reports that present THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE about environmental issues, including anti pesticide terrorism.

FORCE OF NATURE is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

FORCE OF NATURE is committed to SOUND SCIENCE, as well as ground breaking original reporting that informs, entertains, and creates real change.

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## The Whole Truth from an Independent Perspective



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NORAHG also produces A LOOK AT, a series of reports providing TECHNICAL INFORMATION on issues such as Career Management, Golf Course Maintenance, Green Alternatives, Summer Stress, Turfgrass Pests, and Turfgrass Species.

Finally, NORAHG frequently responds to anti pesticide activists in LETTERS TO THE EDITOR in newspapers across Canada and around the world.

All information, excerpts, and pictures contained in FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and LETTERS TO THE EDITOR were retrieved from the Internet, and may be considered in the public domain.

FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and their various incarnations, was the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues in 1991. Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder.

Here is a brief summary of Mr. Gathercole's career —

Fields of study — Horticulture/Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

Alma mater — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain university degrees and contribute to both the professional lawn care and golf maintenance industries

Expertise in — environmental issues and anti pesticide terrorism • turf and ornamental maintenance and troubleshooting • history of the industry • sales and distribution of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and equipment • fertilizer manufacturing and distribution

Notable activities — worked in virtually all aspects of the green space industry, including golf, professional lawn care, distribution, environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety • supervisor, consultant, and programmer for the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the golf and urban landscape, as well as millions of pest control applications • advisor, instructor, and trainer for thousands of turf and ornamental managers and technicians • pesticide certification instructor for thousands of industry workers • founder of the modern professional lawn care industry • prolific writer for industry publications and e-newsletters • first to confirm the invasion of European Chafer insect in both the Montreal region and the Vancouver / Fraser Valley region • with Dr. Peter Demoeden, confirmed the presence of Take All Patch as a disease of turf in Eastern Canada • with Dr. David Shetlar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in South Western Ontario, and later, in the Montreal and Vancouver regions

Special contributions — creator of the exception status that has allowed the golf industry to avoid being subjected to anti pesticide prohibition • creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application • co-founder of annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • the major influence in the decision by Canadian Cancer Society to stop selling for profit pesticide treated daffodils • the only true reliable witness of the events of anti pesticide prohibition in the town of Hudson, Quebec • retired founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT reports

Notable award — the very first man of the year for contributions leading to the successful founding of Quebec professional lawn care industry, which served as a beach-head against anti pesticide activists in the 1980s and 1990s

Legacy — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues ... designed and implemented strategies that reined anti pesticide activists to provide peace and prosperity for the entire modern green space industry across Canada • orchestrated legal action against anti pesticide activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest founding professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest suppliers in Canada

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A close-up, high-contrast portrait of a woman's face. Her eyes are a striking purple color, and her hair is dark and slightly tousled. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a moody and intense atmosphere. The text "STOP the lunatics !" is overlaid on the lower left side of the image.

***STOP the lunatics !***