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Do you have printed materials relating to Turf culture that need a new home? Can you help contribute to the legacy of a great turf Agronomist and provide a known library where scientists, scholars, and students can have access to the great tradition of reporting in turf science? Then donate those reports, books, papers, and magazines to the O.J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Collection at the Michigan State University Libraries.

A bookplate, such as that shown below, will be affixed inside the front cover of each item retained for the Noer Collection. Items which duplicate materials already held will be made available to other institutions to strengthen collections in other locations, such as the Noer Collection at Texas A&M University.



End of an Era..... Dr. Richard E. Chapin

Thanks and Best Wishes!

This past July 1st, Dick Chapin retired as Director of Libraries and as Project Director of the USGA Turfgrass Information File. This involvement with the turf research literature had begun many years ago in Champaign, and continued through his long tenure as Director at MSU (1959-1989). The O.J. Noer Memorial Collection, the USGA Turfgrass Information File, and the Turfgrass Information Center all exist at MSU because of his involvement and commitment. Before his retirement, Dick received the Distinguished Service Award from the O.J. Noer Foundation. Our congratulations, and we wish him well in "retirement".



At the ASA/CSSA/SSSA meetings in Las Vegas, we demonstrated several "new" output formats which may be particularly useful for academics and those who maintain bibliographies. Two samples of these formats are shown below:

1) SUBIND1YANN creates a subject index for a single year of an annual issue (e.g. a Conference Proceeding).

2) BIBCOLONG creates a 2 column subject index:

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Agrostis palustris

Roberts, David L.. The new threat: bacterial wilt of Toronto creeping bentgrass. p.35.

Vargas, J. M. Jr.. Golf course fairway management. p.1.

Amonia volatilization

Shearman, R. C.. Amonia volatilization from liquid and granular fertilizers. p.66-67.

Computers

Miller, Robert J.. Use of the computer in a lawn care/landscape business. p.70-71.

Environmental safety

Yeary, Roger A.. Worker and Environmental Safety. p.122-123.

Growth regulators

Branha, Bruce E.. 1983 Herbicide evaluations. p.27-34.

McElroy, M. T.. Use of plant growth regulators on highway turfs. p.17-26.

Herbicide disposal

Benham, Donald. Alternatives to Disposing Herbicide and Pesticide Containers. p.72-77.

Insecticide application

Kieszyk, Harry D.. Controlling turfgrass grubs. p.107-111.

Neofluicid

Sage, Charles A.. The use of ENBARK for annual bluegrass seedhead reduction. p.122.

Tautvydas, Kestutis J.. Mode of action of neofluicid in growth and seedhead suppression of grasses. p.108-109.

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<p>Canopy temperature</p> <p>DeFolia, J. M.. The influence of synchrony on the canopy temperatures of bentgrass greens. In: <u>Agrostis Abstracts</u>; 1982 November; (1): 141.</p> <p>DeFolia, J. M.. Water Management for Greens. In: <u>Proceedings of the 15th Annual National Turfgrass Conference</u>; 1986 January; 15(58): 70-76.</p> <p>Chlorophyll</p> <p>Kranz, Jeffrey V.; Johnson, Gordon V.. Some effects of subirrigation on bentgrass during heat stress in the field. In: <u>Agrostis Journal</u>; 1974 July/August; 6(14): 526-530.</p> <p>Clipping removal</p> <p>Vargas, J. M. Jr.. Fairway clipping removal and potential problems. In: <u>Proceedings of the 2nd Annual National Turfgrass Conference</u>; 1983 January; 22(1): 119-120.</p> <p>Shearman, Robert. Turfgrass Cultural Practices and Their Interactive Effects on Rooting. In: <u>1988 Turfgrass Research Summary</u> (USGA/OCSAA); 1988 (1): 22.</p> <p>Cold resistance</p> <p>Moore, James Francis. Bent or Bermuda greens? A tough decision for the southern superintendent. In: <u>USGA Green Section Report</u>; 1980 January/February; 22(1): 5-7.</p>	<p>Compaction</p> <p>DeFolia, J. M.. Water Management for Greens. In: <u>Proceedings of the 15th Annual National Turfgrass Conference</u>; 1986 January; 15(58): 70-76.</p> <p>Cultural methods</p> <p>Shearman, Robert. Turfgrass Cultural Practices and Their Interactive Effects on Rooting. In: <u>1988 Turfgrass Research Summary</u> (USGA/OCSAA); 1988 (1): 22.</p> <p>Cynodon</p> <p>Moore, James Francis. Bent or Bermuda greens? A tough decision for the southern superintendent. In: <u>USGA Green Section Report</u>; 1980 January/February; 22(1): 5-7.</p> <p>Davis, Mike. Comparing maintenance costs: bentgrass versus bermudagrass greens. In: <u>USGA Green Section Report</u>; 1980 January/February; 20(1): 5-7.</p> <p>Disease control</p> <p>Vargas, J. M. Jr.. Fairway clipping removal and potential problems. In: <u>Proceedings of the 2nd Annual National Turfgrass Conference</u>; 1983 January; 22(1): 119-120.</p> <p>Swede, A. D.. Preventive Control of Pythium Blight on Creeping Bentgrass. 1985. In: <u>Turfgrass and Maintenance Tests</u>; 1984 (2)(1): 170.</p>
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Variations of these provide for single years of periodicals, multiple years or periodicals, author cumulative indexes, etc. We'll circulate samples with descriptions as we "tweak" them further. If you have special needs or opportunities, please let us know. All of these are available to you online, so that you could download searches in these formats also. Call if you have procedural questions.

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1) Records vs. Blocks - You're thinking in terms of records (like the STAR W)rite screen); while the download screen measures in blocks. See Appendix 5 to translate records to blocks (or vice versa). Remember, though, that these "averages" can vary widely because record length varies widely.

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NOTE: Even if you successfully download a part of your xxx.lst file (by interrupting the down-load), it will start over from "the beginning" the next time you download.

In the future, we'll build in some checks to enable you to manage your xxx.lst file on your own.

Where We're At

The Box Score

USGA TGIF now has about 16,600 citations in it, and continues to grow daily. A recent push on environmental aspects has strengthened coverage in this topic, particularly from non-turf sources. Please keep us "fed" -- publications are our raw materials without which USGA TGIF cannot be built!



Down the Road...

Coming Events!

TIC will be represented at:

North Central Turf Expo

St. Charles, IL
Dec. 13, 1989

Michigan Turf Conference

Vendor's Hour
Lansing, MI
Jan. 16, 1990

Touch base and discuss your needs!!



Who Authorized This Search ?!!

- Are there services billed to your account that you were not aware of requesting?
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- 1) they do not identify themselves as being on an account when making service requests, or
- 2) they specify an account without being the actual designated contact.

Such requests have been received via telephone, mail, and the E-mail system. Either of the above situations should require us to call the designated contact to verify authorization on the service request and/or may result in inaccurate billings. This requires time and expense on both our parts.

Our office staff is quite small (only 2 staff personnel plus part-time students) and certainly cannot provide technical support to large organizations. Therefore, telephone support will not be provided to individuals other than the designated contact. If you want to change your designated contact to someone more accessible, please let us know. If you need multiple individuals to be contacts, please obtain subscriptions in their names. (See Section 9.2 in the User's Manual.)

It would be most helpful if you would identify yourself as the designated contact on an account when you call to request services. In response, we will do our best to meet your service needs as soon as possible.



1990 Subscription Renewals

Beginning in December, the first block of subscribers to USGA TGIF will begin receiving renewal notices for 1990.

You will have until 31 January to return these to us in order to maintain uninterrupted service.

We welcome your continued involvement in TIC activities, whatever your motivation for subscribing. Your comments and concerns, as well, are most welcome and will help us better understand your needs.

Other subscribers will receive a renewal notice prior to their subscription anniversary date.

All 1990 TIC service charges will remain the same.

By-passing a "Dead" Port

Have you ever dialed into USGA TGIF and gotten no response after connecting and doing a <CTRL><C> or a <CTRL><S>? If this does happen to you:

- 1) use <ALT><D> to hang up.
- 2) after you get the hang-up confirmation ("OK" or some such), then <ALT><D> to dial again, but this time change the phone number (using the backspace key) to 517-353-1975.

Then proceed on as usual - this may permit you to by-pass the "dead" port.



Best Wishes to Tricia!!

Wedding bells were ringing for Tricia this last month!! Patricia Ann Ray and Captain Shawn Bentley Baker, U.S. Air Force, were married on October 14th. True to TIC, she had the reception at the Brookshire Inn and Golf Club. Even Shawn's been known to run a mower around a few greens at the Lansing Country Club during his college days. We wish them happiness in their new life together!



All our staff at TIC wish you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

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