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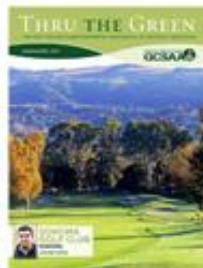
James B Beard Turfgrass Library Collection

- **Welcome to the new e-Sward!**

Welcome to the new electronic version of *The Sward*. In the future, we expect to send out *The Sward* electronically three to four times per year. If you do not wish to receive any further *Sward* emails, please send an email to tgif@msu.edu with "Unsubscribe Sward" in the subject box.

- **The Full-Text Archives Grow Stronger**

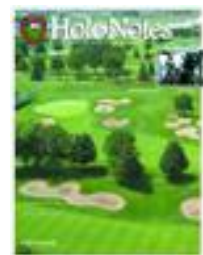
The past several months have seen the addition of several new publications to the Turfgrass Information Center's Full-Text Archives! Among them: [Golfdom](#), [Hole Notes](#), and [Thru the Green](#). All three are **publicly-available** and ready for browsing now!



[Thru the Green](#)
[Archive](#)



[Golfdom](#)
[Archive](#)



[Hole Notes](#)
[Archive](#)

- **A New Take on 'The Turf Library'**

No question on this one – we (as in TIC & the MSU Libraries) have been one-upped by the Cornell University Libraries. We will admit to never even thinking of doing something on this scale. [more](#)

- **TGIF's Record Sorting Gets an Update**

In the past, we have defaulted to showing search results with our own custom sort strategy that placed records with links closest to the top. Now the most recent records, regardless of whether or not they have a full-text link, will appear first in the sort order. [more](#)

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• Unified TGIF Login Page

The Turfgrass Information Center has simplified the three webpages to get to the TGIF database (either directly or by routing to another website's member-only area) into one single webpage. [more](#)

• TIC Staffing Change

Aaron Tomak, who had been with TIC since July 2010, accepted a different position in the Michigan State University Libraries in September. [more](#)

TIC's New Mailing Address

(Effective Jan. 1, 2013)

Turfgrass Information Center
Michigan State University Library
366 W. Circle Drive W301A
East Lansing, MI 48824-1048
USA

• Welcome New Subscribers

In the past several months, the Turfgrass Information Center has been lucky enough to welcome several new academic subscribers, including: University of Wyoming (Wyoming); Delaware Valley College (Pennsylvania); South Dakota State University (South Dakota); and Washington State University (Washington).

We have also welcomed new contributing cooperators, including The Australian Golf Course Superintendents Association (AGCSA) and The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA).

• Exclude This Blog Post!

Here at the Turfgrass Information Center we are dedicated to serving the needs of all users of our products. That's why based on feedback we've implemented a new TGIF database feature - the ability to exclude blog records. [more](#)

The Box Score

of TGIF Records: **211,000+**

of Core serials monitored: **1,054**

of Full-Text Archive sites hosted by TIC: **27**

of PDF's that TIC hosts: **100,000+**

of unique student teams in TIC: **5**

• Golf's Use of Water

In support of November's [USGA Water Summit](#) in Dallas, TIC is pleased to offer several new or updated *Turf Topics*. [more](#)



Over 50% of TGIF Now Links to Full- Text!

The Turfgrass Information File (TGIF), produced at the Turfgrass Information Center at the Michigan State University Libraries, has passed a truly significant milestone – as of June 2012, 50% of all TGIF records link to full-text of the item! To read more, read the blog post [here](#) or the Press Release [here](#)

**“There is not a
sprig of grass
that shoots
uninteresting
to me.” –
Thomas Alva
Edison**

- **200,000 Reasons to Use TGIF!**

The Turfgrass Information File has reached another major milestone as our number of original descriptive records has surpassed 200,000! [more](#)

- **Narrowing Searches by Using Sectors**

A useful way of narrowing Basic and Guided searches in TGIF is by using the sector dropdown box. [more](#)

- **The Center Gets a Facelift!**

Last fall, the public area of the Turfgrass Information Center received a much-needed facelift. After the shifting of shelves, cabinets and one giant rug, the area not only feels more open and welcoming, but also helped to highlight the difference between the O.J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Collection materials residing in the Center and the James B Beard Turfgrass Library Collection, which are housed next to each other.

Recently the Turfgrass Information Center was also fortunate enough to have a large scale reorganization in the production area of the Center. Previously, all of the loose articles we kept (those whose record says “Available from TIC Sequential File=X”) were stored in varying sizes of lateral filing cabinets. As it turns out, these were not very space efficient! Now these files are housed in vertical file cabinets. Thanks to Adam Leenheer for his design and layouts and the help of Jay Johnson and his libraries facilities crew, the new floor plan was put together in no time. Now the production area of TIC looks nicer and is much more organized.

