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## TGIF Launches a New Volume of *The Sward*

With the beginning of the new year, TGIF proudly sends you the first issue of Volume 3 of *The Sward*. Our aim with this publication is to keep you abreast of new developments in the information file, to help you to make the most efficient use of the databases, and to provide a forum for answering questions that subscribers ask about TGIF.

To accomplish these goals, we need your help, involvement, support, and ideas. What features would you like to see in *The Sward*? What areas could be highlighted in future issues? Are there questions about the databases that you would like to see answered in *The Sward*? Please let us know your thoughts!

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## Message from the Advisory Council Chair

I wish to thank all the subscribers for their participation in the future of turfgrass. We cannot go through a day without being involved in communication technology, and watching its remarkable advances. The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC) has linked each subscriber with the O.J. Noer Memorial Library, the largest turfgrass library in the world. The Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) can answer your call for information. The Turfgrass Infor-

mation Center has the ability to expand and supply many added services. For example, the Golf Course Architects Directory is already a reality.

The job of the TIC Advisory Council is three-fold.

1. To expand the services of the Turfgrass Information Center with emphasis on quality as well as service.
2. The Advisory Council must enthusiastically promote TGIF, along with helping to increase subscribership. As we all know, expanded service is fueled by income.
3. We, as the Advisory Council, must assist Project Manager, Peter Cookingham, so that his time is productively spent fulfilling the TIC's obligation to its subscribers. It is important that all commitments are met.

I am sure that, as subscribers, many of you share our vision of the future. The possibilities are infinite. This service is for all involved in turfgrass throughout the United States, and even the world. If you're from the North, South, East, or West, and you share the vision of this information highway, your active participation will be appreciated and welcomed. Just call me at 708/773-1700 x254 and ask, "How can I help?"

Danny H. Quast, CGCS, Chairman

## INTERNET Access Testing!

Access to TGIF and the entire TIC on-line information system is now possible via the INTERNET, a computer network linking other computer networks all over the globe. Used in the past primarily by academics, the INTERNET is now accessible through several commercial on-line services and businesses.

INTERNET access to TGIF will be in a test-mode in order to better understand the new problems this may present when using TGIF. If you have not already received information on INTERNET testing, and would like to do so prior to the formal announcement of its availability, please call TIC and let us know. We will send out a brief sheet containing what we know about how INTERNET access can work. This new offering is of special significance to our University, overseas users, and business users.

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## Architects Now Up on TGIF

TGIF announces the creation of a new listing containing members of the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA).

In the future, anyone who accesses TGIF will see the architects' directory as an option on the "Turf Databases" menu screen, and will be able to obtain information about individual participating members. In addition to their names and addresses, TGIF will contain a listing of the courses that they have worked on.

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## Special Thanks

TGIF would like to express its appreciation for the hard work and time given by Nancy Donati at Medinah Country Club. Her efforts contributed to making 1993 a banner year for TGIF.

## New 1993 Corporate Subscribers

### Supporting Corporations:

Emerald Isle, Ltd.  
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### Sustaining Corporations:

Pebble Beach Golf Division  
USGA *Green Section*

Special thanks are due to all our corporate sponsors, and especially to the USGA *Green Section* for the TIC check-off subscription option as part of the Turf Advisory Service (TAS). This has resulted in interest in TGIF from a whole range of new users, most of whom have not utilized TIC services in the past. Thank you, *Green Section!*

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## We need copies of:

*Proceedings of the Tennessee Turfgrass Conference*  
16 (1982); 21 (1987); 25-27 (1991-1993)

*Proceedings of the Virginia Turfgrass Conference*  
1-8 (1961-1968); 10-12 (1970-1972); 14-20 (1974-1981); 28 (1988)

*Proceedings of the North Carolina Turfgrass Conference*  
5-7 (1984-1986); 11 (1990)

*Greenkeeper International*  
all issues prior to March 1992

If you can provide any of these issues to us, it will fill our gaps, and also make sure that records for these items are listed in TGIF once we finish processing them. Thank you for any help you can give!

## Publication Trend on the Rise for the Turf World

Judging from current and anticipated publications, it appears that we are entering a "golden age" of publication in the turf world. Historically, there have been a limited number of turf books published relative to the size of the industry and potential readership. New turfgrass books include titles on turfgrass diseases, turfgrass pests, new technologies for golf course maintenance, construction, environmental issues, and irrigation. Books are serving a wide audience, ranging from textbooks and scholarly works for universities, to practical how-to books for superintendents and lawn care managers.

One publisher in the forefront of turfgrass publications is Lewis Publishers of Chelsea, Michigan. They have five new books, and have one of the leading turfgrass scientists, Dr. James B. Beard, as their series editor for *Advances in Turfgrass Science*.

Keeping abreast of this trend, both the O.J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Collection, and the Michigan State Libraries have made significant acquisitions in the turf area. In addition, numerous works have been donated to round-out their collections.

Project Manager, Peter Cookingham, explains that having books and other publications donated to TGIF allows them to keep all their users on the cutting-edge of research and technology. This is both a goal of TGIF, and the reason many subscribers go to TGIF when they need answers. Peter added, "I would like to thank all of the companies and people who have, and continue to, make donations."

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## Special Thanks

TGIF thanks the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association for their association membership, and generous \$2,000 donation to TGIF for the Capital Improvement Fund.

## Selected New Indexing Keywords and Structures

When articles are processed for listing within TGIF, they are tagged with appropriate keywords from the *Turfgrass Thesaurus*, a listing of terminology and nomenclature which TIC is building as part of the TGIF construction process. As new active ingredients, cultural practices, diseases, pests, or issues become a part of the turfgrass literature, the *Thesaurus* is modified to reflect the new, or modified language used. In some cases, there are regional or international variations in terminology which must be accommodated. On a regular basis, we will feature revised, expanded, or keywords which can then appear within the "Keyword List" which appears with each article. In TGIF, these are searchable as phrases, just as they appear here:

### Profiles

- Business profile
- Facility profile
- Course profile
- Organization profile
- Personal profile
- Product profile
- Service profile

Landfill golf courses

Quinclorac

Weather shelters

Imidacloprid

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## The Box Score

TGIF: 29,300 records!

TURFTWISTERS: 517 records!

## Questions from Users....

Q No Room - In the past, I have successfully downloaded searches from TGIF to my PC. Since then, I've replaced several components in my PC, and now when I try to download, a message quickly flashes on the screen that there is "NO ROOM transfer cancelled by PC-not enough disk space ?transfer aborted." I have a huge hard drive now - what's up?

A Try running Vueport 2.0 using the /noroom switch. To do this, type "vueport /noroom" when you start the program instead of just "vueport." This bypasses the space checker and should eliminate the spurious message. Try it again with "/noroom." (Vueport 2.0 only)

Q I Want Full Text! - So when are you going to start adding the whole thing to TGIF records? When I want it, I want it! Can't you just scan it all into TGIF?

A Some murky water here! Moving to full text is a completely different legal ballpark than a bibliographic database like TGIF. It requires a cooperative arrangement with each publisher of a given serial (magazine or journal). In addition, the handling of graphs, figures, tables, and pictures requires a more serious hardware platform at your end, and needs higher transmission speeds (baud rates) to move those dense images. Both of these will begin to happen gradually as we continue to move forward. At this time, within legal restrictions, photocopies of many TGIF records can be supplied when requested using the record number.

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