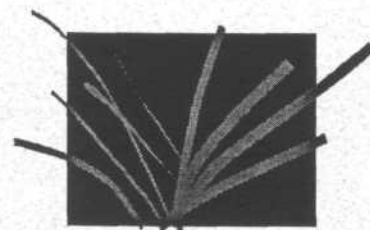


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News from the Turfgrass Information Center

Turfgrass Information File • O.J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Collection

New Facility for TIC!

In February, 1996, the Turfgrass Information Center relocated to its new home on the third floor of the West Wing of the MSU Main Library. This space has special significance - the center now overlooks the historic Beal Garden and is truly one of the prime locations in the Library and on campus. TIC gratefully acknowledges the MSU Libraries for making the new site possible, as well as all of the individuals involved with the planning, design, and coordination that was required to make the relocation a success.

The new site has afforded the center much needed work space. More importantly, it has made possible a designated "public" area where scholars, researchers, and students can work and have the O.J. Noer Collection as well as the TGIF database within reach.

To commemorate the new location, and to express our gratitude to all who have supported the Center, a dedication ceremony was held on August 14, 1996, at the new home of TIC. Many of our longtime supporters were on hand in person to help celebrate the event.

Thanks to all of those who were able to attend, and special thanks to the USGA Green Section and the OJ Noer Foundation, who have played critical roles in the ongoing work of the Turfgrass Information Center. The support we have received will help us to continue with our mission.

Please come and visit TIC and make use of the vast amount of resources, or just look around! Ask for the new handout that gives directions and parking guidance to get to TIC! We look forward to seeing you.

The Box Score

TGIF now contains over 39,000 records!

The Chairman's Corner...

The largest public turfgrass library in the world is now on the World Wide Web. You will want to subscribe - come visit Pete Cookingham and TGIF in Emerald Isle Booth No. 2809 at the GCSAA Conference in Las Vegas. Peter will be there online to do a search for you, and sign you up.

For those who, over the years, have been subscribers on the call-up online service, I wish to thank you for your support. Without your support and keen awareness of the need for this service, the Turfgrass Information Center would not have survived.

Soon, a CD-ROM version of TGIF will be available. Purchase it, take it to your office or home, and have at your fingertips the 39,000 entries now available in TGIF.

With continuing support from the Michigan State University Libraries, including existing personnel (1-½ FTE) and a new SUN host computer, a lot is happening in the new location on the Third floor, West Wing, of the MSU Main Library, an impressive new home for the Center. Next time you're on campus, stop and visit; Pete or Sue Carpenter (Pete's assistant) will be happy to give you the grand tour.

We will be expecting to see you at Emerald Isle booth No. 2809 or the Michigan State University Turf Club Booth #726. You'll find it informative, and time well spent.

Danny H. Quast, CGCS

Chairman, TIC Council Advisory Board

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OJ Noer Foundation Funds Rare Acquisition

An extremely rare, highly unusual volume of early grass scholarship, entitled *Gramina Pascua* (1790) has been purchased for addition to the Noer Collection, through the generosity of the OJ Noer Research Foundation.

This item, authored by George Swayne, a British vicar and farmer, contains actual dried specimens of common pasture grasses, and includes descriptions, remarks, and both the Linnaean and English names. The specimens, cultivated by Swayne himself, were collected and dried by his daughters; it appears that only 200 copies of this book were printed, and probably not many were sold, as indicated by its rarity.

Typically, it has been difficult to locate and acquire older works of this nature for which the Foundation has earmarked an annual reserve. We are grateful that the Foundation was willing to consider this piece a type of multi-year acquisition, which allowed the Center to obtain the book.

Special thanks go to the Foundation and to Peter Berg, head of Special Collections, for his assistance. We are pleased and proud to make this available to Noer Collection users.

Student Use of TGIF

The use of TGIF in turfgrass education has always been one of its primary purposes. With the introduction of the World Wide Web, it is now practicable to use TGIF directly in curriculum projects. The FOUNDATION subscription, intended for institutional use, now includes a special student logon for use at each institution, if the institution has a Web-computer lab available to its turf students. This logon is "multiple-reentrant," allowing for up to four students to simultaneously logon to the system. While providing full TGIF search capabilities, the student logon blocks the generating "extra-charge" services, such as document delivery. We can make it possible for the option of "local-tagging of holdings" so that special display formats within TGIF searches will indicate what materials are owned at a student's own institution. In addition, class-reading lists, etc. can be specifically tagged to directly incorporate TGIF content into classes. Encourage your academic institution(s) to make TGIF available to its students. There are further details on the website, or call and we'll send them on!

TGIF on the World Wide Web -- Debut in Las Vegas!

The GCSAA Conference & Show in Las Vegas will mark the global release of the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) database online through the World Wide Web. The continuing ten year project to have turfgrass research online will be fully available through almost any computer and features easy search capability and convenient access.

Over 39,000 items are searchable using more than 300,000 different keywords. This means that the full scope of the turfgrass literature, from abscisic acid to zymograms, will be locatable with a new user-friendly face. You will be able to use your mouse to do an entire search without typing, or use several of the other convenient search options.

The new interfaces will have their official public debut at the GCSAA Conference in Las Vegas. Through the courtesy of Emerald Isle, Ltd., TGIF will be on the trade show floor at **Emerald Isle Booth # 2809**, and also at the **Michigan State University Turf Club Booth # 726**. Stop by to check out the new TGIF! In the meantime, visit the Turfgrass Information Center (TIC) home page on the Web at:

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/tgif>

The entire TGIF database will be available to subscribers at this address after the global introduction in Las Vegas.

Initially a cooperative project of the USGA Turfgrass Research Program and the Michigan State University Libraries, TGIF was intended to provide online access to all published materials reporting on aspects of turfgrass and its maintenance. TGIF has grown steadily in size and accessibility, beginning with dial-up modem access in 1988 and Internet access in 1993. TGIF content is based primarily on the O. J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Collection at the Michigan State University Libraries. The database identifies and locates the full range of documented turfgrass information, including turf-related articles from over 200 journals and magazines, research reports, conference proceedings, extension bulletins, book chapters, videos, databases, theses and dissertations, and Web and Gopher site documents. Over 4000 records are added each year.

Included in the website is information about TIC databases and services, the Noer Collection, subscription forms, etc.. Online content and services will be added

steadily to the website. Some sections will be "public," while others, including full access to TGIF itself, will be available to subscribers only.

If you haven't used TGIF before, you'll want to now -- Get linked to TGIF!

What is a URL?

The new World Wide Web interface to TGIF features imbedded URL's. Huh? This means that you can "jump" to the "full text" of a document if "someone" (like the USGA, GCSAA, or a University) has loaded the full text of a document in their Website. The URL (Universal Resource Locator) is the location, or address, of that document on the Web. This means that you can use the powerful search capabilities of TGIF to find documents on the Web! If an article was published both on the Web and in a publication, it will show "both ways."

New Topics

The TOPICS series is intended to act like a "TOP 100" search list. Recent additions to the series include:

- Composting
- Golf course architecture
- Spiked vs. Spikeless golf shoes
- Thatch biological control
- Wetlands on golf courses
- Wildlife on golf courses

Use your mouse in the web interface to easily search and print these TOPICS, or ask us to send on a complete list.

TGIF on the Web

How does TGIF look on the Web? Here's how:

Sample TOPICS Index Screen

List index entries near:

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Term (count)

- Poa annua as turf (60)
- Poa annua control (121)
- Protective covers (77)
- Runoff from turf (76)
- Salinity (92)
- Shade (94)
- Spikeless vs. Spiked golf shoes (40)
- Summer patch (42)
- Thatch biological control (36)
- Thatch management (59)
- Topdressing (58)
- Transitional overseeding (114)
- Turf as a filter (82)
- Turf manager's library (55)
- What good is turf? (109)

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Sample Record Display (Short Format)

Select Record: 37721

Authors Moore, Jim

Title Spikeless shoes

Source USGA World Wide Web Site. 1996, p. 1-2.

Keywords Spikeless golf shoes; Traffic damage; Traffic control; Golf course maintenance; Footwear; Traction

Web URL <http://www.usga.org/hot/spikeless.html>
Last checked 6/96

More Info:

This is a hot link! It will "jump" directly to the full text of the document!

Visit the Turfgrass Information Center (TIC) home page on the Web at:

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/tgif>

New Staff for TIC

Since the last issue of *The Sward*, Ms. Sue Carpenter has joined Pete Cookingham in TIC as the second staff member (½ time). Sue previously has worked in customer services and the Library's Document Delivery unit, holds a B.S. in Business, and continues to work ½ time in Circulation Services as Desk Supervisor. Her primary duties are focused on the business end of TIC; she has already been a tremendous help in improving operations. Please say hi to Sue when you visit or call!

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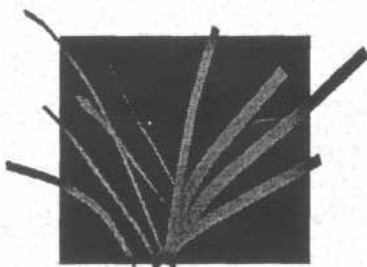
Recent **Special Thanks!** are due to a wide range of folks as we move into the Web era of TGIF. Veronica Sanitate and Bill Middleton at Emerald Isle, Ltd., Dan Quast and Nancy Gabrielson at Medinah CC, all members of the Center's Advisory Council, and Bill Wheeler, Gilda Hoskins, and Joshua Wease at the MSU Libraries. Also, kudos to the student staff of TIC for the records that will be available!

“New” Journals

Several journals/magazines have been added to the list of ones being regularly reviewed for turf-related citations (records). These include:

- *BioCycle*
- *Journal of Environmental Horticulture*
- *Journal of Plant Growth Regulation*
- *Turfgrass TRENDS*

This means that about 175 journals/magazines/periodicals are now monitored for turfgrass related items to add to TGIF!



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