

Visits by Green Section Staff to USGA Member Clubs and Courses

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Personal consultation service on greenkeeping and turf management matters by members of the USGA Green Section Staff to USGA member clubs and courses and to Green Section service subscribers is now available at \$50 per day of service, plus traveling and living expenses.

This policy was established by the USGA Executive Committee at its spring meeting.

If several clubs or subscribers avail themselves of such service during one trip of a Green Section representative, the fees and expenses will be prorated among them.

Any such service to organizations not USGA member clubs and courses or service subscribers will be rendered at the rate of \$100 per day, plus expenses.

It will be appreciated, of course, that the Staff does not have unlimited time for such engagements.

The Green Section will continue to give free advice and information by correspondence to USGA member clubs and courses or service subscribers.

turf areas (the Green Section cannot do soil testing; this service is available at all state experiment stations, some county agents' offices, commercial laboratories or through some fertilizer concerns), (5) distribution of samples of new grasses.

Advisory service visits by members of the Green Section Staff are available to all golf clubs and turf interests on the basis of (1) refund of travel expenses and (2) payment of service fee.

Green Section Service Subscriptions are available to all turf interests which are not eligible for USGA membership. These include all commercial interests which serve turf (seedsmen, fertilizer dealers and manufacturers, chemical companies, equipment dealers and turf nurseries), turf associations, greenkeepers' associations, bowling clubs, golf-course architects and builders, park departments, schools, ball clubs and others.

Service Subscription dues are the same as the dues of a Regular Member with an 18-hole course, \$35.00 a year. This money goes into the Education Fund, of which 30 per cent is allocated to Green Section administrative expenses and 70 per cent to the establishment of cooperative research projects at various

experiment stations in the United States.

The Green Section has been active in helping to organize local, state and regional groups and to assist them in organizing a turf program which will benefit all turf interests in the area. The Green Section staff coordinates research programs over the United States and aids in programming the various turf conferences and field days—in short, it serves as a clearing house.

Working in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture and with state experiment stations, the USGA Green Section offers unbiased, up-to-date information on all subjects related to turf management. Service is available not only to golf but to all turf interests.

Some of the outstanding contributions of the Green Section to turf management since 1921 are:

Development of the use of arsenate of lead on turf for insect and weed control.

Development of chemicals for the control of turf diseases.

Weed control methods.

Selection and testing of improved vegetated creeping bentgrasses.

Turf management practices.