



Better Turf for Better Golf

TURF MANAGEMENT

from the USGA Green Section

FIFTH GREEN SECTION OFFICE OPENED IN SOUTHEAST

The fifth office of the USGA Green Section has just been established in the Southeast, at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, Ga. The Regional Director is B. P. Robinson.

Primary function of the office is to provide the Green Section's new Regional Turf Service to USGA member clubs and courses in the following eight Southern states:

ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI
FLORIDA	NORTH CAROLINA
GEORGIA	SOUTH CAROLINA
LOUISIANA	TENNESSEE

The Regional Turf Service is now available to USGA clubs in 25 states. The others, and the offices which serve them, are as follows:

Western Office, Davis, Cal. — Charles G. Wilson, Western Director:

ARIZONA	NEVADA
CALIFORNIA	OREGON
COLORADO	UTAH
IDAHO	WASHINGTON

Southwestern Office, Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas—Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, Southwestern Director and National Research Coordinator:

ARKANSAS	NEW MEXICO
KANSAS	OKLAHOMA
MISSOURI	TEXAS

Northeastern Office, College of Agriculture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.—Alexander M. Radko, Northeastern Director:

CONNECTICUT	NEW JERSEY
	NEW YORK

The Green Section is continuing its office at Beltsville, Md., in the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture.

As soon as possible the USGA intends to make the Regional Turf Service available in states not now being serviced. It is hoped to establish Mid-Atlantic and Mid-Western Regions within a year and to extend the Northeastern Region to cover all of New England.

Under the Regional Turf Service, periodic visits are made by the USGA Regional Directors to individual courses and small group meetings are held with golf course superintendents, to share information and experiences about the best and the newest practices in turf management. Each individual visit is supplemented by a written report from the USGA scientist to the club. In addition, each Regional Office issues a Turfletter at least six times a year dealing with turf matters in its particular Region.

The Service is subscribed to by USGA member clubs and courses at annual fees,

which cover all work and expenses and which are based on estimated cost. The annual fee for an 18-hole course is \$100; for nine holes, \$75. There are no extra charges for travel. A percentage of each fee (currently 20%) will be appropriated by the USGA to research, primarily within the Region of the subscribing club.

Establishment of the USGA Southeastern Office at Tifton, Ga., is the natural result of several years of research cooperation there among the Southern Turf Foundation, representing the Southern Golf Association; the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, and the USGA Green Section. Now the research program is being strengthened and will feed the new program of direct service to golf courses. M. K. Jeffords, Jr., of Orangeburg, S. C., Chairman of the Southern Turf Foundation, was instrumental in bringing about the new arrangement.

B. P. Robinson's Background

B. P. Robinson, the USGA's Southeastern Director, developed Tiffine (Tifton 127) turf Bermuda grass while Turf Specialist at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station. He had served in that capacity since 1951, devoting his time to research on turf grasses for the South and consultation visits to various turf areas in the Southeast. He is a member of the Turfgrass Committee of the American Society of Agronomy and is Chairman of the Turf Research Committee of the Southern Weed Conference.

Mr. Robinson, who is 32, was born in Dallas County, Texas, and was raised on



B. P. Robinson
Southeastern Director

a farm. He has a B.S. degree in agriculture and an M.S. degree in agronomy from Texas A & M College. In February, 1948 he accepted a Turf Research Fellowship at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, sponsored by the USGA Green Section and several golf clubs in the Southeast. During the same year he entered North Carolina State College and began work on a Ph.D. degree in agronomy. A dissertation on the fertility relations of Southern turf grasses is now being completed.

Mr. Robinson is a Captain in the Marine Reserve. During World War II he served overseas with the First Marine Division, participating in the Cape Gloucester, Peleliu, Okinawa and Guam operations.

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Much Interest In Northeast

When the Regional Turf Service was introduced in three Northeastern states recently, more than 200 green committee chairmen and golf course superintendents attended a series of district meetings. Of the USGA member clubs represented, approximately 88% expressed a desire to subscribe for the Service.

TURF MANAGEMENT

The book "Turf Management," sponsored by the United States Golf Association and edited by Prof. H. B. Musser, is a complete and authoritative guide in the practical development of golf-course turfs.

This 354-page volume is available through the USGA, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y., the USGA Green Sectional Regional Offices, the McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y., or local bookstores. The cost is \$7.