

NEW RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUND

A new Research and Education Fund of the Green Section has been established by the USGA. Its purposes are to sponsor research on turf and its management and to help educate workers in turf, especially new workers.

The work financed by the Fund will be done primarily by educational institutions and agricultural experiment stations. Expenditures will be made mainly as grants, fellowships and research assistantships.

The USGA is inviting subscriptions to the Fund from any one interested. Each subscriber will determine the amount of his annual subscription, but the following minimum amounts are suggested:

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| Firms and organizations | 100. |
| Individuals | 50. |

There is no limit on the amount acceptable.

The entire income to the Fund will be expended for research and education as outlined above. No part will be retained by the USGA for administrative costs. The USGA will contribute money from its own resources to the Fund, as well as the services of staff members.

The Green Section will keep in touch with work in progress and will be alert

to needs for new research. This will be done through the Green Section's National Research Coordinator, Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, and the several Regional Directors in various parts of the country. This will help to insure efficient use of funds, to minimize duplication of research efforts, and to transmit results promptly to golf courses, through the USGA Regional Directors.

Subscribers to the Research and Education Fund will receive the following benefits:

1. An organized national program of research and education for better turf.
2. One subscription to the USGA JOURNAL AND TURF MANAGEMENT (seven times a year) and to all Turfletters issued by all USGA Regional Offices (each office issues approximately six editions a year.)
3. Assistance from Green Section agronomists on turf and related matters, through correspondence.
4. Right to attend small group meetings conducted by Green Section Regional Directors with golf course superintendents and club officials twice a year.

The Research and Education Fund is separate from the Green Section's Regional Turf Service to USGA members.

TURF FOR THE WEST

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Since much of our turf selection and breeding work has been done in the East, there is quite a controversy over the merits of various grasses as they apply to western growing conditions. Widespread publicity has encouraged the acceptance of many of the newer turfgrasses outside their zone of adaptation. University of California at Los Angeles is the only western experiment station that has devoted much time and effort towards proving the newer grasses. This should not be construed to mean that there is a hands off attitude on the part of golf clubs. However, it does indicate that what may

be right for one section of the West may be entirely wrong for many other sections in this vast area.

The fact that there is no such thing as a miracle grass is worthy of constant repetition. The turfgrass itself is but one facet of the broad field of turf management which, among other things, includes mowing, fertilizing, watering, disease and insect control. Contrary to popular writings on the subject, we have yet to see a turfgrass that thrives under neglect. All of them require mowing, watering and fertilizing if they are to perform satisfactorily for the game of golf.