

# The Other Half

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**F**or 20 years now, golf superintendents and Green Committee Chairmen have had inexpensive, direct, on-the-spot and authoritative turfgrass consultation services available through the USGA's Green Section. With no axes to grind and no products to sell, the Green Section remains the only agency in the country devoted solely to the care of golfing turf and its management. It is a unique organization and available to all USGA Member Clubs. For the nominal fee of \$300 per year (for an 18- to 27-hole course, for example), a club may take advantage of direct visits by a Green Section agronomist with years of experience and wide field exposure. Like all USGA activities, the Green Section operates for service to golf—not for profit.

But direct golf course visits by regional staff members is only half of the story. Of equal importance (and far less widely known) is the substantial support given turfgrass research by the USGA Green Section. Through its Research & Education Fund, Inc., grants are placed at universities throughout the country supporting meaningful research projects. The program is

coordinated by Alexander M. Radko, National Research Director for the Green Section. The support money comes from USGA Member Clubs, The National Golf Fund, Inc. (a portion of the money developed by National Golf Day is given to the USGA for turfgrass research purposes), regional golf associations, golf course superintendents associations and interested individuals.

In 1973, \$52,050, the largest single turfgrass research expenditure by any organization in history, went into the development of better turf for more enjoyable golf through the Green Section Research & Education Fund. The list included:

University of Arizona Dr. William R. Kneebone, Project Leader	\$2,000
University of California, Davis Dr. John Madison, Project Leader	\$2,000
University of California, Davis Dr. Richard R. Yeo, Project Leader	\$4,500

*Regional, state and local golf associations are important sources of revenue for the Green Section Research and Education Fund, Inc. William R. Ireland, President of the Birmingham, Ala., Golf Association Foundation; Mrs. Samuel E. Upchurch, member of the USGA Women's Committee and Bob Phillips, retired Executive Sports Editor of The Birmingham Post Herald present Elbert S. Jemison, Jr., USGA Green Section Committee Chairman, with their Association's check in support of turfgrass research.*



University of California, Riverside Dr. V.B. Youngner, Project Leader	\$3,000
Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Project Leader	\$2,000
University of Georgia Dr. R. H. Brown, Project Leader	\$4,000
University of Illinois Dr. L. Arthur Spomer, Project Leader	\$2,000
Kansas State University Dr. Ray A. Keen, Project Leader	\$1,000
Michigan State University Dr. James B. Beard, Project Leader	\$4,500
Mississippi State University Dr. Coleman Y. Ward, Project Leader	\$4,000
North Carolina State University Dr. Wm. B. Gilbert, Project Leader	\$1,500
North Carolina State University Dr. Leon Lucas, Project Leader	\$ 200
Oklahoma State University Dr. Wayne W. Huffine, Project Leader	\$1,000

Pennsylvania State University Dr. Joseph M. Duich Project Leader	\$2,000
University of Rhode Island Dr. C.R. Skogley, Project Leader	\$1,350
Rutgers, The State University Dr. C. Reed Funk, Project Leader	\$4,000
Rutgers, The State University Dr. Ralph E. Engel, Project Leader	\$ 500
Texas A & M University Dr. Richard L. Duble, Project Leader	\$6,500
Virginia Polytechnic Institute Dr. Richard E. Schmidt, Project Leader	\$2,500
Washington State University Dr. Roy L. Goss, Project Leader	\$1,000
Washington State University Dr. C.J. Gould, Project Leader	\$1,000

Thus, the Green Section's Turfgrass Service is a balance between direct golf course visits backed by the coordinated research efforts. To anyone concerned with better golfing turf for tomorrow and interested in better playing conditions today, the total Green Section operation can be an invaluable tool. In thousands of

*Dr. J.L. Starling, head of the Agronomy Department, Penn State University, receives the 1973 Green Section Turfgrass Breeding Research Grant from Alexander M. Radko, Research Director of the USGA Green Section.*

*James B. Moncrief, left, Southern Director, USGA Green Section, presents the first of three parts of a \$19,500 grant to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Accepting the check is Dr. Richard Duble.*



cases, it has helped and supported the superintendent and the Green Committee Chairman in their turf management responsibilities. The nearest Regional Office of the Green Section is listed inside the front cover. Look into it now for the sake of yourself and your club in 1974. It would be one way to start the year out right!

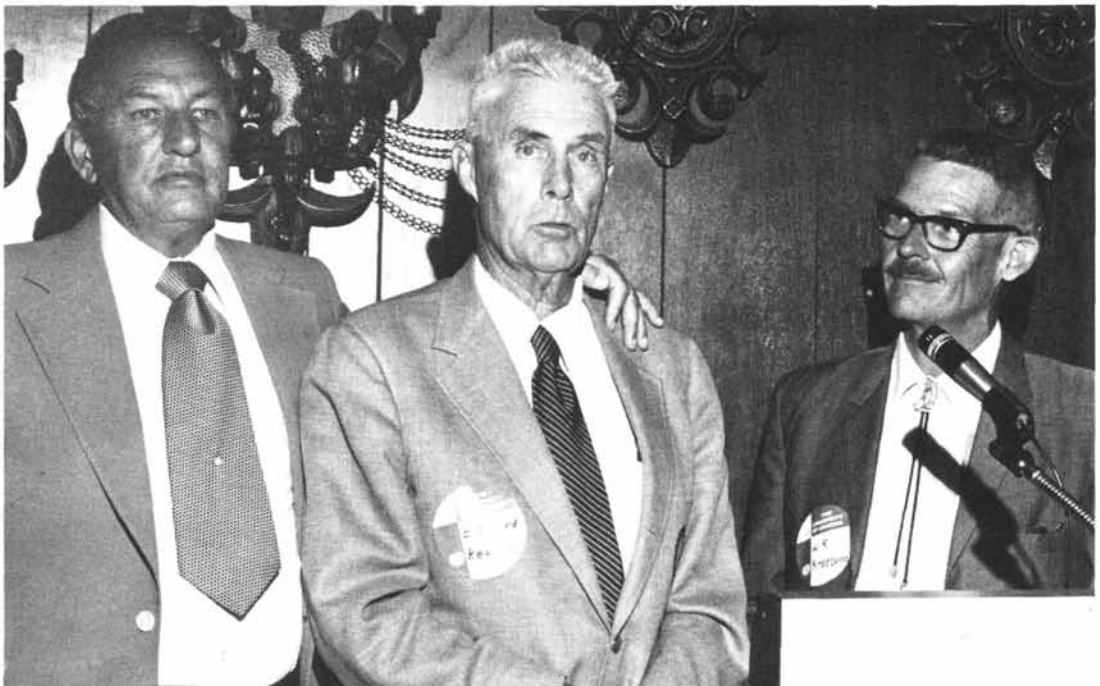


*Dr. Victor B. Youngner, right, University of California, Riverside, Calif., shows Western Green Section Director William Bengueyfield, left, part of the research work he is accomplishing with 1973 USGA funds. Dr. Youngner's work has been supported by the Green Section for over 12 years.*



*At the Western Washington Research and Experiment Center, Puyallup, Wash., Superintendent Sam Zook, Overlake Country Club (lef.), and Milt Bauman, Seattle Golf Club, assist in rating the Fusarium Research Plots.*

*At the University of Arizona, John Riggle, Executive Director of the Arizona Golf Association (left) and Ed Keating, USGA Green Section Committeeman (center) present the USGA Green Section's 1973 research check to Dr. Bob Kneebone (right) for heat tolerant bentgrass studies.*





*Dr. Roy Goss, Turfgrass Researcher and Extension Specialist at Washington State, discusses one of his research projects. His work is supported in part by Green Section funds.*

*Dr. James B. Beard, Associate Professor of Turfgrass Culture, Michigan State University, receives a 1973 Green Section Research Grant from former student and now Green Section staff member Carl Schwartzkopf. Dr. Beard's work is concerned with causes and prevention of turfgrass wear.*

*James B. Montcrief, Glenn W. Burton and Alexander M. Radko, (left to right) at the Tifton Conference in April, 1973. Dr. Burton's bermudagrass breeding work, encouraged by USGA Green Section funds since 1946, resulted in the great Tifton series of bermudagrasses that has made play so enjoyable throughout the South.*

