

The Green Section Today

INVERNESS CLUB, in Toledo, Ohio, is the birthplace of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association. In 1920, E.J. Marshall, who at the time was Green Committee Chairman at Inverness, brought the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Golf Association together because of the urgent need for scientific information in golf course care. During this time, the Green Section has been totally involved in golf course maintenance and management.

From 1920 to 1953, the Green Section was actively engaged in research that developed scientific management practices. From 1953 to the present, the emphasis has been upon personal extension services to the USGA Member Clubs. Although some extension services were performed from inception, it was not until 1953 that primary emphasis was placed upon extension.

From 1920 through 1979, Green Section agronomists travelled in excess of five million miles, and they have personally made in excess of 33,000 visits to golf courses throughout the nation. In addition, the staff attends turfgrass conferences and field days at which universities throughout the nation display their turfgrass tests and discuss research results. The Green Section conducts educational meetings and an annual Educational Conference emphasizing the fine points of turfgrass maintenance and management and how they affect the play of the game.

In total, the Green Section national program encompasses all phases of golf turfgrass management. The program is coordinated through a national director. The Green Section's sole mission is better turf for better golf. Its staff stands ready to serve you.



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