

NEWS NOTES



DR. KIMBERLY S. ERUSHA APPOINTED TO GREEN SECTION STAFF

The Green Section is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kimberly S. Erusha to the newly created position of Manager, Technical Communications. In her new role, Dr. Erusha will expand the Green Section's ability to provide its 15 regional agronomists and USGA member clubs and courses with the most up-to-date information concerning turfgrass science and golf course management programs.

Dr. Erusha graduated with a B.S. degree in horticulture from Iowa State University, and completed her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in the Department of Horticulture at the University of Nebraska. Her work in graduate school included the investigation of turfgrass wear and drought tolerance mechanisms, and the effects of irrigation and potassium treatments on Kentucky bluegrass turf cut at fairway height.

Prior to graduate school, Kimberly served as Extension Associate in the Turfgrass Integrated Pest Management program at the University of Nebraska, where she was responsible for coordinating the pest surveillance program and preparing training programs, publications, audiovisual materials, news releases, and other educational materials and programs. She has a number of research and extension publications to her credit, and was responsible for the production of a videotape concerning the control of thatch on home lawns.

Kimberly is a native of Walford, Iowa, and has recently relocated to New Jersey, where she will be based at Golf House.



NANCY P. SADLON NAMED ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

In filling a new position that reflects a critical issue for golf in the 1990s, the Green Section has named Nancy P. Sadlon as Environmental Specialist. Nancy comes to the USGA from a position as supervisor of the Environmental Department in The Chester Partnership, a large consulting firm based in Laurence Harbor, New Jersey. There she was involved in providing clients with a wide array of environmental and landscape architecture services, including environmental impact statements, wetland delineation reports, wetland mitigation plans, and landscape design plans.

Nancy is a graduate of the Landscape Architecture program at Rutgers University — Cook College with a B.S. degree in environmental planning and design. She has extensive postgraduate training in wetlands issues, including studies of wetland ecology, soils, plant materials, and related regulatory issues, and has more than 10 years of field experience dealing with wetland issues as a consultant.

In her new position, Nancy will be responsible for coordinating the USGA's environmental education activities. She will work in close cooperation with the New York Audubon Society in expanding its Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for Golf Courses program. She will also be involved in making on-site visits to golf courses, writing articles for newsletters, bulletins, and other publications, and participating in turf- and golf-related meetings and seminars.

Nancy is a New Jersey native and will be working out of the USGA's headquarters at Golf House in Far Hills, N.J.

JIM LATHAM RECEIVES WISCONSIN GCSA AWARD

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association honored Great Lakes Regional Director Jim Latham with its Distinguished Service Award on the 25th anniversary of the Milwaukee Turf Symposium in October. Acknowledging Latham's significant contributions to the symposium as a speaker and planning committee member over the 25-year history of the event, the WGCSA noted that Jim is one of only two people to have attended every single symposium.

The award carries special significance in that it is given so seldom; it has been awarded just eight times in the history of the Association. His associates on the Green Section staff congratulate Jim for this well-deserved recognition.

TURF ADVISORY SERVICE FEE CHANGES FOR 1991

To keep up with the increasing costs of providing quality advisory services to its member clubs and to the game of golf, it has been necessary for the USGA to increase the fees charged for the Green Section's advisory visits. Following is the fee schedule for 1991:

	If paid by May 15	After May 15
Half-day visit	\$700	\$850
Full-day visit	\$1200	\$1350

Despite the increase this year, it is noteworthy that the fee for a half-day Turf Advisory Service visit has not even doubled since 1972, when the fee was \$360. A Green Section visit is still a bargain for the many benefits that can be realized, maybe more so now than ever. Please join us for great golfing turf in 1991!

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Fred V. Grau, 88, Director of the Green Section from 1945 to 1953, died at College Park, Maryland, on

December 1, 1990. Dr. Grau was instrumental in the development of crown vetch, a perennial legume used for

erosion control, slope stabilization, and beautification programs along the nation's highways.

Dr. Grau obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska in 1931 and studied for his master's degree at the University of Maryland, where he became a research assistant for the Green Section. He earned his Ph.D. in 1935 and joined Penn State as the first turf extension agronomist in the United States. During his tenure with the Green Section he played an active role in the research and development of "Meyer" zoysiagrass, "Merion" Kentucky bluegrass, and U-3 bermudagrass.

After leaving the Green Section in 1953, he initiated research projects promoting grass species and maintenance practices requiring lower water, fertilizer, and pesticide inputs. He also actively promoted high-quality athletic turfs to reduce sports-related injuries. Dr. Grau was awarded the 1969 USGA Green Section Award.



Dr. Fred Grau, right, looking at zoyziagrass selections with Art and Jack Snyder in October 1952 at the Beltsville Research Station.

Green Section Announces 1991 Regional Conferences

Following is a list of the regional seminars organized by the USGA's Green Section and Regional Affairs staffs for 1991. For more information about these programs, contact your regional Green Section office.

JANUARY

10 Wyndham Hotel, Palm Springs, California

MARCH

12 NCR Club, Dayton, Ohio

12 Royce Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida

13 Riverside Country Club, Bozeman, Montana

14 Orange Lake Country Club, Orlando, Florida

19 Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, Bedminster, New Jersey

21 Saginaw Country Club, Saginaw, Michigan

26 Lakewood Country Club, Dallas, Texas

27 SCGA/USGA Industry Hills Golf Club, City of Industry, California

28 Bellerive Country Club, St. Louis, Missouri

28 NCGA/USGA Castlewood Country Club, Pleasanton, California

APRIL

2 Carmel Country Club, Charlotte, North Carolina

2 Lakewood Country Club, Denver, Colorado

4 Weston Golf Club, Weston, Massachusetts

9 Country Club of Rochester, Rochester, New York

9 Tacoma Country and Golf Club, Tacoma, Washington

16 Country Club of Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

17 Paradise Valley Country Club, Paradise Valley, Arizona