

NEWS NOTES FOR FALL



MICHAEL SAFFEL JOINS GREEN SECTION STAFF

The Green Section is pleased to name Michael T. Saffel, CGCS, as agronomist in its Mid-Atlantic Region. The appointment comes in response to the increased use of the USGA's Turf Advisory Service by member courses in the region. Mike joins agronomist Bob Brame and director Stanley Zontek in visiting TAS clubs in the Mid-Atlantic states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Mike comes to the staff with a broad background of experience in the turfgrass industry. Most recently he was golf course superintendent at Meadow Lark Country Club, in Great Falls, Montana, where he was also an active member and past president of the Wyoming-Montana Golf Course Superintendents Association. He served as team leader for the slope rating project of the Peaks and Prairies GCSA and rated several courses in Wyoming. Mike spent four years as a research and extension specialist at Michigan State University, where he had responsibilities in the turfgrass field-research program, planning the annual turfgrass conference, and working as co-editor of the *Annual Proceedings of the Michigan Turfgrass Conference*.

Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming, majoring in soil science. He is currently finishing work on his master's thesis from Michigan State University involving investigations pertaining to turfgrass irrigation scheduling. Mike has relocated to West Chester, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Julia, and son, Will. The Green Section joins in welcoming Mike to the USGA staff.

15 YEARS OF THE GREEN SECTION RECORD

The United States Golf Association, in cooperation with Lewis Publishers, is examining the interest in reprinting the past 15 volumes of the USGA *Green Section Record* (1976-91) in a seven-volume, full-color, hardcover printing.

It will contain all articles exactly as they appeared previously, and it will contain the cumulative index released by the USGA at the end of 1991.

The seven-volume set, if there is enough demand, will be available for approximately \$350. The set will contain over 2,000 pages.

In the future, hardcover copies of issues appearing during the previous two-year period will be made available as part of the series.

Please let us know if you think you will be interested in purchasing this seven-volume set. Our decision to proceed with the reprinting, and the price of the series, will depend on the response we receive.

Please contact: United States Golf Association, Attn: Kathy Paparelli, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, NJ 07931-0708, Tel. (908) 234-2300, FAX (908) 234-1513.

NEW AUDUBON VIDEO AVAILABLE

A new video that describes how golf courses can participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP) is now available. The Audubon Society of New York State, with funding from the USGA, developed the ACSP to assist golf courses in enhancing wildlife habitat on their properties and to recognize the work of golf course superintendents and course officials on behalf of the environment. The video, titled *Green Sanctuaries*, has been produced to show how the program works, highlight some of the projects that golf courses can participate in, and outline the steps in becoming involved.

Green Sanctuaries describes the environmental efforts of David Stone, superintendent at the Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tennessee; Joe Kosoglov, superintendent at Wolf Run Golf Club, Zionsville, Indiana; and Randy Staton, superintendent at the Hawthorns Golf and Country Club, which is under construction in Fishers, Indiana.

Through ACSP, golf course superintendents, course officials, and golfers themselves will learn more about environmental considerations on golf courses. *Green Sanctuaries* is available from: Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, c/o New York Audubon Society, 131 Rarick Road, Selkirk, New York 12158, Tel. (515) 767-9051.

WASTEWATER SYMPOSIUM

The United States Golf Association, in cooperation with the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Golf Course Builders Association of America, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and National Golf Foundation, announces a Golf Course Wastewater Symposium to be held on March 4 and 5, 1993, at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel in Newport Beach, California.

Effluent water from sewage treatment plants and wastewater from other sources has been playing an increasingly important role in golf course irrigation as the use of potable water for irrigation has come under public scrutiny. The Wastewater Symposium will bring together turfgrass managers, engineers, agronomists, golf course architects, equipment manufacturers, and professionals from other disciplines who have a role in planning, designing, and operating wastewater irrigation systems.

The symposium will provide practical answers to questions concerning the use of effluent water for turfgrass irrigation and will encourage greater acceptance of wastewater irrigation as a significant means of conserving our most important natural resource. Indexed, peer-reviewed proceedings with valuable summaries, references, and appendices will be published following the symposium.

For more information on the event, contact Dr. Michael Kenna at (405) 743-3900 or Dr. Kimberly Erusha at (908) 234-2300 at the USGA.

TURF ADVISORY SERVICE FEE CHANGES FOR 1993

To keep up with the increasing costs of providing quality advisory services to its member clubs and to the game of golf, it is necessary for the USGA to increase the fees charged for the Green Section's advisory visits. Following is the fee schedule for 1993:

	If paid by May 15	After May 15
Half-day visit	\$800	\$1000
Full-day visit	\$1300	\$1500

Despite the increase, the USGA will be subsidizing the Turf Advisory Service with more than \$1 million in 1993, reflecting a commitment to provide golf courses with the best of services from a top-quality staff of 16 full-time agronomists. A Green Section visit is still a bargain for the many benefits that can be realized, perhaps more so now than ever. Please join us for great golfing turf in 1993!