



Dr. Ali
Harivandi

Welcome to the Group

The USGA is pleased to welcome Dr. Ali Harivandi to the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee. As a visiting scientist, Dr. Harivandi will serve a two-year appointment to the committee, through 2000.

Dr. Harivandi is an area Environmental Horticulturist with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service, specializing in turf, soil, and water issues. He has been based in the San Francisco Bay area since 1980. He holds a Ph.D. in Horticulture (turfgrass science and soils) from Colorado State University.

Dr. Harivandi will attend research committee meetings, review research proposals, and participate in monitoring visits to USGA-sponsored research sites throughout the year. His specialties in water conservation issues, soil and water salinity management, efficient irrigation practices, and reclamation of disturbed lands will be particularly helpful in the committee's review of proposals in the 1999 call.

Give Your Budget a Break

There's an important deadline date to highlight on your 1999 golf course management calendar.

The USGA offers a discounted fee for Turf Advisory Service (TAS) visits that are paid before May 15. Golf courses subscribing to the Green Section's TAS will receive a \$300 discount for full-day and half-day visits if the payment is received at Golf House on or before May 15, 1999. The same offer is available for municipal golf courses that order the TAS by a purchase order — the purchase order must be received by the deadline date to receive the discounted rate. In either case, the actual TAS visit can take place anytime during the season.

For those golf courses taking advantage of multiple TAS visits during the

season, if the initial payment for the first visit is received before the May 15 deadline, all subsequent TAS visits will be billed at the discounted fee.

Contact your regional agronomist soon to schedule your 1999 TAS visit.

1999 Turf Advisory Service Fees

	Early Payment	Regular 1999 Fee
	Received on or before May 15	Received after May 15
Half-day visit	\$1,000	\$1,300
Full-day visit	\$1,500	\$1,800

Regional News Feature to Continue in 1999

During the 1998 golf season, the Green Section added a new item to the USGA Web site. The Regional News feature on the Web site has been expanded and will continue through 1999.

The goal is to take advantage of the Green Section agronomists' travels to golf courses across the United States, and to share this information with golf course superintendents, Green Committee members, course officials, and golfers. The agronomists have the opportunity to see what's happening in golf course maintenance on a day-to-day basis in a way that cannot be matched by anyone else in the industry. They witness firsthand that a problem affecting one golf course is usually something that another course will have to deal with at one time or another.

Approximately every two weeks, each Green Section region will provide a short update as to what is happening in their region. The topics vary as widely as the regions themselves. They cover everything from golf course maintenance issues, the impact of recent weather, tips for planning ahead, recent events to be aware of and watch out for, to educational opportunities happening in a region.

The Green Section agronomists can help you keep on top of current problems that golf courses are facing in your area, and maybe even provide an idea or two to help solve a problem. Access the website on a regular basis to see what is happening in your part of the country. You can find the Green Section Regional News under News & Updates at: <http://www.usga.org/green>.

Physical Soil Testing Laboratories*

The following laboratories are accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), having demonstrated ongoing competency in testing materials specified in the USGA's Recommendations for Putting Green Construction. The USGA recommends that only A2LA-accredited laboratories be used for testing and analyzing materials for building greens according to our guidelines.

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