



NEW NORTHEASTERN OFFICE OF USGA GREEN SECTION

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The Regional Turf Service of the USGA Green Section is now available to USGA Member Clubs and Courses in Connecticut, New York, and northern New Jersey.

They will be serviced from a Northeastern Office just established at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., with Alexander M. Radko as Northeastern Director. Rutgers has long had a strong program of turf research, at present directed by Drs. Gilbert Ahlgren and Ralph Engel, and the University very kindly invited the USGA to have quarters there.

The essence of the Regional Turf Service is periodic visits by the USGA Regional Directors to individual courses and group meetings with golf course superintendents, to help them inform themselves readily on the latest and best in turf management. The visits are supplemented by written reports to the individual clubs and by Regional Turfletters dealing with the particular regions.

The Service is available at annual fees which cover all work and expenses and which are based on estimated cost. A percentage of each fee (currently 20%) will be appropriated to research, primarily within the Region of the subscribing club. The annual fee for an 18-hole course is

\$100; for nine holes, \$75. There are no extra charges for travel.

The USGA program will be introduced to club green committee chairmen and superintendents at the following series of meetings:

- Saturday, February 27—10 A.M.
Baltusrol G. C., Springfield, N. J.
- Saturday, February 27—4 P.M.
Garden City Hotel, Garden City, N. Y.
- Monday, March 1—8 P.M.
Saturn Club, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Tuesday, March 2—8 P.M.
Rochester Club, Rochester, N. Y.
- Wednesday, March 3—3 P.M.
Bellevue C. C., Syracuse, N. Y.
- Thursday, March 4—8 P.M.
Wolfert's Roost C. C., Albany, N. Y.
- Friday, March 5—3 P.M.
Wethersfield C. C., Wethersfield, Conn.
- Saturday, March 6—2:30 P.M.
Wykagyl C. C., New Rochelle, N. Y.

For some years the Metropolitan and the New Jersey State Golf Associations have sponsored turfgrass research at Rutgers through tournaments at their member clubs, with the entry fees being contributed to scientific work. Now that the USGA has a rounded program which provides for both direct service and research, the Metropolitan and the New Jersey Associations have decided not to hold their turf tournaments but, instead, to co-spon-

sor the USGA program. Eugene L. Larkin and Dr. M. E. Husted have been instrumental in creating an awareness of turf grass research needs in the Metropolitan New York area and in raising funds.

Mr. Radko will serve not only as northeastern Director but also, for the time being, will continue in charge of the Green Section office at Beltsville, Md. Other USGA Regional Offices are located at Davis, Cal., with Charles G. Wilson as Western Director, and at Texas A. and M. College, College Station, Texas, with Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson as Southwestern Director and National Research Coordinator. Locations for additional Regional offices are being considered, in order to extend the Regional Turf Service to all USGA Members.

Radko was born in November, 1916, at Yonkers, N. Y. After World War II while serving as a lieutenant of infantry in Japan, he was in charge of reconstruction and rehabilitation of Japanese golf courses for the occupation forces.

He was employed by the USGA Green Section in 1947. He received a B. Sc. degree in Agronomy from the University of Maryland in 1951, and has served the



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Green Section continuously since then as Agronomist and more recently as Acting Eastern Director.

FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN OFFICE

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The American Society of Agronomy meetings were held in Dallas last November. These meetings provide a yearly opportunity for turfgrass scientists from all over the nation to meet and discuss mutual problems. The Turfgrass Division meeting attracted approximately 80 persons.

Interested attendants were treated to a delightful tour of the Cotton Bowl and some of the Dallas municipal golf courses. The tour was conducted by L. B. Houston, parks director, and his associates. The Cedar Crest Golf Course was one of those visited. It is the site of the 1954 Amateur Public Links Championship. The course is being maintained well and the fairways were especially good.

Wylie Moore, manager of the Stevens Park Golf Course, another of those visited, showed the group a series of test plots of various strains of bermudagrass and zoysia. Moore has conducted an active on-the-course testing program for several years. Following up the results of his strain testing work, he has developed a two-acre nursery of T-35-A bermudagrass. T-35-A is a product of the research work conducted at Texas A & M College. Most of the greens at Stevens Park will be planted to T-35-A in 1954.

Turf Conferences

Other highlights of recent turf activities in the Southwest include the Fourth Annual Central Plains Turf Conference