Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the USGA Green Section

BEFORE

the Green Section, golf courses often suffered huge losses of playing areas . . .

AFTER

Today, 60 years after the founding of the Green Section, ideal playing conditions are common at thousands of golf courses such as Baltusrol Golf Club.
60th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE STAFF

The entire staff of the Green Section contributed to this special Anniversary Issue and its success can be attributed to each man as well as Joe Schwendeman, serving as Managing Editor, and Janet Seagle, Art Editor. All of their efforts are appreciated with gratitude.

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The Green Section's Goal . . . the Best Turf Possible

Like so many good things in life, the Green Section of the United States Golf Association is taken for granted. It's always there, season after season, quietly doing the most outstanding job in golf. Also, I must admit, the most underrated job in the game.

During my tenure with the USGA, I was privileged to serve two years as Chairman of the Green Section Committee. It was, indeed, a privilege.

Years ago, I worked one summer mowing tees and greens on a golf course. I also have been Chairman of the Green Committee at the Denver Country Club, at various times, for a total of five years. As a result of those experiences and a lifetime of playing the game, I have become thoroughly familiar with the work of golf course superintendents and agronomists. That background helped me fully to understand and appreciate the work done by members of the USGA's Green Section — those who were then on the staff as well as those who had preceded them. More than once I expressed my gratitude for the high degree of dedication, intelligence and devotion to duty of the Green Section staff. I am happy to do it one more time.

It is the opinion of the USGA Executive Committee that when the Green Section goes to work, the USGA is putting its best foot forward. For 60 years now, no other agency or staff within the game of golf has contributed to the good of so many as has the Green Section. Every golfer, whether he plays on a municipal course or the most exclusive club in the country, owes a very large vote of thanks to the Green Section for the turf on which he plays.

Unknown by virtually every golfer, the knowledge and experience gleaned by the Green Section down through the years has been passed unselfishly along to everyone in the turf-grass trade. It has made no difference whether a club was a USGA member or not; the word was passed — for the benefit of golf and golfers.

We look forward with anticipation to the work of these highly skilled scientists over the next 60 years. Their goal during the next 60 years will be the same as the first 60 — to attain and develop the best turf possible for golf courses throughout the country.

Will F. Nicholson, Jr.
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Congratulations from the GCSAA

As President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and a friend and follower of USGA and the Green Section, I wish to send congratulations on behalf of all GCSAA members on your 60th anniversary. GCSAA celebrated its 50th anniversary three years ago.

The reflections on our past certainly hinged greatly toward the advances that had been propelled by the start of the Green Section. The art of greenkeeping has advanced to the degree of being a science that now makes a true profession of the position of a golf course superintendent.

The impact that was made upon the golf communities by Messrs. Piper and Oakley in the late Teens and early Twenties dramatized the requirement of a specialized person in the art of greenkeeping. For this we measure ourselves and appreciate the USGA's preceptive leadership in years since.

The forward movement by the Green Section in these times of EPA restrictions, tightening economy and increasing recreational needs of our nation's golfing public is welcome. At this time we cannot afford to sit idly by, with a feeling that we have lost. Our close ties and a united front toward insuring constant research and education in all phases of hybrid grasses, and in monitoring chemicals that will not damage our environment and, most of all, in educating today's golfer of the problems of properly maintaining a golf course will continue to aid this wonderful game in the future.

GCSAA looks toward your direction and your support in our movement.

Melvin B. Lucas, Jr.
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