

When the USGA Green Section Turf Advisory Service Program was launched in 1953, the staff consisted of five people (left to right): Charlie Wilson (agronomist), Fred Williams (administration), Dr. Fred Grau (National Director), Anne Drennan (secretary), and Al Radko (agronomist).



# 50 Years of Turf Advisory Service

## USGA GREEN SECTION STAFF & TURF ADVISORY SERVICE AGRONOMISTS 1921 – 2003



Timothy Ansett



William Bengeyfield



William Brewer



William L. Brown



William Buchanan



Marvin H. Ferguson



Chuck Gast

### AGRONOMIST NAME YEARS WITH THE USGA

Alexander, Paul	1969*
Allen, Wayne	1960 – 1961* 1962 – 1963*
Ansett, Timothy	1980 – 1983*
Antaya, Kathy	2001 – 2002*
Baird, James	2000 – present*
Batten, Steve	1982 – 1984*
Bengeyfield, William (National Director)	1954 – 1978* 1982 – 1990
Bengtson, John W.	1937 – 1941
Bevard, Darin	1997 – present*
Brame, Robert	1990 – present*
Brewer, William	1976 – 1981*
Brown, William L.	1941 – 1942
Buchanan, William	1970 – 1983*
Carrier, Lyman (Agronomist)	1921 – 1924
Cheesman, Jerry	1963 – 1964*

\* Turf Advisory Service Agronomist

### AGRONOMIST NAME YEARS WITH THE USGA

Clemens, Harold	1931 – 1934? (Chicago Turf Demonstration Gardens, USGA funded until 1934)
Connolly, James	1988 – 1994*
Cornman, John F.	1940
Croley, Charles	1961 – 1963*
Cunningham, George	1926 – 1930s?
Dahl, Arnold B.	1920s – 1930s?
Darrow, Robert	? – 1936
Davis, Fanny-Fern (Director of Green Section)	1938 – 1941, 1942 – 1945
Elder, Robert (Research Assistant)	1951 – ?
Erusha, Kimberly (Director of Education)	1990 – present
Ferguson, Marvin H. (Agronomist, National Research Coordinator)	1940 – 1951, 1953 – 1968*
Forbes, Ian (Research Assistant)	1941 – 1942 1945 – 1952
Foy, John	1985 – present*
Gast, Chuck	1990 – 1995*

**W**e welcome you in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the USGA Green Section's Turf Advisory Service! Having been primarily a research organization since its establishment in 1921, the Green Section changed its direction completely in 1953 with an emphasis on direct service to USGA member clubs and courses.

In concept, golf courses would pay a fee to the USGA to subscribe to a program called the Green Section Regional Turf Service. A regional agronomist would visit subscribing courses each year, providing a half-day on-site visit to each course and following up with a written report of his findings and recommendations. The program was a success, and the basic tenets of the program — an on-site visit and a follow-up written report — continue to be the cornerstone of the service today, in 2003.

## USGA GREEN SECTION STAFF & TURF ADVISORY SERVICE AGRONOMISTS 1921 – 2003



Fred V. Grau



Holman Griffin



Douglas Hawes



James Holmes



Donald Hoos



James Latham



Brian Maloy



George Manuel



Robert Mazur



James Moncrief



John Monteith, Jr.

AGRONOMIST NAME	YEARS WITH THE USGA	AGRONOMIST NAME	YEARS WITH THE USGA
Gilhuly, Larry	1983 – present*	Kollett, James	1961 – 1962*
Grau, Fred V. <i>(Director of Green Section)</i>	1945 – 1953	Latham, James	1956 – 1960* 1984 – 1994*
Griffin, Holman	1962 – 1976*	Lowe, Todd	2000 – present*
Gross, Patrick	1991 – present*	Maloy, Brian	1996 – 2002*
Hallowell, Charles	1955 – 1961*	Manuel, George	1990 – 1995*
Hampton, H.E.	1964*	Mazur, Robert	1969 – 1970*
Happ, Keith	1993 – present*	Moncrief, James	1957 – 1982*
Harman, Raymond	1960 – 1966*	Monteith, John, Jr. <i>(Director of Green Section)</i>	1928 – 1942
Harrington, George E. <i>(Assistant Director to Grau)</i>	1940 – 1941 1946 – 1949	Moore, James <i>(Construction Education Program)</i>	1984 – 1996* 1996 – present
Hartwiger, Chris	1995 – present*	Moraghan, Tim <i>(Director, Championship Agronomy)</i>	1987 – present
Hawes, Douglas	1978 – 1984*	Nelson, Matthew	1996 – present*
Holmes, James	1957 – 1969*	North, H.F.A.	1936 – 1937
Hoos, Donald	1978 – 1983*	Nus, Jeff <i>(Research Manager)</i>	2000 – present
Huck, Michael	1995 – 2001*	O'Brien, Patrick	1979 – present*
Jones, G.H.	1940 – 1941*	Oakley, Russell A. <i>(USDA/USGA)</i>	1921 – 1931
Kenna, Mike <i>(Director of Research)</i>	1990 – present		

In this and the remaining issues of the 2003 *Green Section Record*, we shall highlight some aspect of the Turf Advisory Service(TAS). In this issue we take the opportunity to thank and recognize those who have served on the Green Section's agronomy staff since its inception in 1921. The list is in alphabetical order and includes the years of service for each individual. A star by the years of service indicates that the person served as a regional agronomist in the Turf Advisory Service program. Where a star is not present, the person may have served as a research scientist or in a significant administrative role.

Where pictures were available and space permitted, we've included pictures of many of the ancestors of today's Green Section family. Pictures of current staff members will appear in future issues. See if you can recognize some of yesteryear's agronomists before you look at the names!

## USGA GREEN SECTION STAFF & TURF ADVISORY SERVICE AGRONOMISTS 1921 – 2003



Karl Olson



Duane Orullian



Alexander Radko



Lee Record



B.P. Robinson



Carl Schwartzkopf



Brian Silva



T.T. (Tate) Taylor



James Timmerman



Gary Watschke



Charles Wilson

### AGRONOMIST NAME YEARS WITH THE USGA

Oatis, David	1988 – present*
Olson, Karl	1983 – 1986*
Orullian, Duane	1968 – 1970*
Pieters, A.J. (USDA/USGA)	? – 1940
Piper, Charles V. (USDA/USGA)	1921 – 1926
Rabbitt, Alton E. (Ike)	1937 – 1938
Radko, Alexander (National Director)	1947 – 1981* 1976 – 1981
Record, Lee	1962 – 1976*
Robinson, B.P.	1954 – 1956*
Sadlon, Nancy (Environmental Specialist)	1990 – 1994
Saffel, Michael	1992 – 1993*
Schwartzkopf, Carl	1971 – 1981*
Senseman, Robert	1994 – 1995*
Silva, Brian	1981 – 1983*

\* Turf Advisory Service Agronomist

### AGRONOMIST NAME YEARS WITH THE USGA

Skorulski, James	1989 – present*
Slater, Richard	1967 – 1968*
Snow, James (National Director)	1976 – 1990* 1990 – present
Taylor, T.T. (Tate)	1956 – 1961*
Timmerman, James	1968 – 1970*
Vavrek, Robert	1990 – present*
Vermeulen, Paul	1988 – present*
Watschke, Gary	1985 – 1988*
Welton, Kenneth	1928 – 1935
Westover, Harvey L. (USDA/USGA)	1920s – 1943
Whaley, M. Stewart	1925
White, Charles (Bud)	1978 – 1987,* 2002 – present*
Wienecke, David	2001 – present*
Williams, Fred H. (Executive Secretary)	1922 – 1959
Wilson, Charles	1950 – 1955*
Zontek, Stanley	1971 – present*