News Notes

2005 TURF ADVISORY SERVICE

To keep up with the increasing costs of providing a high-quality advisory service to member clubs and the game of golf, it is necessary for the USGA to increase the fees charged for the Green Section's Turf Advisory Service. The 2005 fee schedule continues to offer a \$300 discount for fees received by May 15, 2005.

	Payment received by May 15, 2005	Payment received after May 15, 2005
Half-Day Visit	\$1,400	\$1,700
Full-Day Visit	\$1,900	\$2,200

Despite the increase, the USGA will subsidize the Turf Advisory Service (TAS) by about 50% in 2005, reflecting a commitment to provide golf courses with the best of services from a top-quality staff of 18 full-time agronomists. A Green Section visit is a bargain for the many benefits that are realized. The TAS strengthens the golf course superintendent's and Green Committee's position, and it provides a positive environment to discuss common problems and realistic solutions and expectations at whatever level of golf course budget is available.

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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