

## 2007 TURF ADVISORY SERVICE FEES

Everyone is feeling the pinch of rising costs this year, and the USGA is no exception. To maintain a top-quality staff of 17 full-time agronomists to help golf courses achieve the best conditions possible, fees for the 2007 Turf Advisory Service (TAS) will rise by \$100 for half-day and full-day visits.

The USGA continues to subsidize the TAS by more than 50% to help keep the costs as low as possible for subscribing golf courses. The TAS program provides a positive environment to discuss common problems, expectations, and realistic solutions, regardless of the level of golf course budget available.

The 2007 fee structure will continue to offer a \$300 discount for payments received by May 15, 2007.

	Payment received by May 15, 2007	Payment received after May 15, 2007
Half-Day Visit	\$1,600	\$1,900
Full-Day Visit	\$2,200	\$2,500

## MEET THE STAFF

The Green Section office located at Golf House in Far Hills, N.J., receives a myriad of inquiries from people around the world. Questions are wide-ranging, such as how to order a Stimpmeter, renew a *Green Section Record* subscription, find a golf course supplier, arrange for a Turf Advisory Service visit, order tickets to the Masters (can't do!), or answer the question of how many golf courses there are in the United States, to name just a few.

It takes experience to respond to people with the right answers. The Green Section is fortunate to have two individuals who do just that. Mary McConnell (right) and Andrea Yurcik (left) have 18 years of combined experience working for the USGA Green Section. In addition to handling the general correspondence that comes with the job, they keep many in-house Green Section projects on schedule and moving forward. Both are New Jersey natives, and their pleasant manner will greet you when you call the Green Section department for help or direction.



## 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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