

News Notes

BRAME RECEIVES PURDUE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bob Brame, director of the USGA Green Section North-Central Region, was awarded the Purdue University Agronomic Achievement Award from the Agronomy Department on October 25, 2008. The award was established in 2000 to recognize and honor alumni and friends of the department for contributions to the industry.



From left: Dr. Cal Bigelow, Bob Brame, Dr. Zac Reicher.

Dr. Zac Reicher, professor in Purdue's Department of Agronomy, states, "Bob is very deserving of this award because of his never-ending generosity to the golf industry in his region as well as across the country. He has been one of our most popular speakers at the Turf Expo in each of the last 15 years, and he regularly hosts one of our turfgrass students on a week of golf course visits in his region." As a 1972 graduate in turfgrass science from Purdue University and a member of the USGA Green Section staff since 1990, Bob continues to raise the bar for agronomics and professionalism in the industry.

2009 TURF ADVISORY SERVICE FEE

It is an unavoidable truth in today's market — current economic conditions are challenging everyone, both professionally and personally. Golf is no exception, as rapidly rising costs of fertilizers, seed, water, and added delivery surcharges impact all aspects of the industry. The USGA recognizes these challenges, but also is feeling the same economic squeeze in our own operation as we continue to supplement the cost of providing the Turf Advisory Service (TAS) by more than 50%! Since the TAS was established in 1953, we have provided the service for one fee, with no additional travel expenses charged.

In an effort to find a middle ground to help both parties, the USGA is offering a substantial discount to golf courses that pay their annual TAS visit early in the season. The visit itself can be anytime during the 2009 season, but having a known schedule allows the USGA agronomists to be more efficient and manage their costs more effectively.

The Turf Advisory Service agronomists are the most knowledgeable, respected, and impartial golf turf consultants in the world. Backed by the USGA, the Green Section's services provide:

- Dependable recommendations that course officials can count on.
- Agronomists who know what to look for when checking for problems, and who have seen symptoms countless times, can quickly identify difficulties and offer the best solutions.
- Information that helps golf courses save many times the cost of the TAS visit. Schedule your visit today by contacting your regional agronomist listed on the inside back cover of the *Green Section Record* magazine.

2009 TAS Fee Schedule: Half-Day Visit – \$2,300*
Full-Day Visit – \$3,100*

*A \$500 discount is offered for visits paid for by May 15th. These prepaid, discounted visits can be scheduled anytime during the 2009 season.

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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