

TGIF fortunes improve

First index of turfgrass library to roll off the printing presses this summer

By MARK LESLIE

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Turfgrass Information Foundation (TGIF) subscribers can expect their first printed index to the turfgrass library at Michigan State University by mid-year.

"It's new and exciting. There's nothing else like it," said Peter Cookingham, director of the Turfgrass Information Center which operates TGIF, the world's largest collection of turfgrass-

related material.

He said the index will list all articles in the library by author and subject. Volume 1, numbers 1 and 2, a combined issue for articles through 1993, should be mailed out by May. Numbers 3 and 4, covering articles through 1994, will be mailed 60 days later, Cookingham said.

Directors decided in February that the index will be updated semi-annually. TGIF is accessible

by telephone and computer.

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Within a year, turf managers in the Asia-Pacific region should be able to access TGIF through computers.

An Australian company is testing the use of the international computer network Internet to gather material from TGIF.

"Australians are disproportionately interested in this technology and dispro-

portionately perceptive," said Turfgrass Information Center Director Peter Cookingham.

Last December TGIF added access to Internet, which Cookingham called "the mother of all computer networks."

The work with the Australians, Cookingham said, "is prototype testing, but it is viable. I don't think there's any question it's going to work."

The bigger problem in the Far

East is gaining access to Internet — which is being called "the super-highway." The politics and mechanics of getting onto the network is difficult to generalize, varying from country to country.

"In some countries it's centrally and tightly controlled by the government. In other countries it's almost a free-for-all," Cookingham said. "But once it's 'do-able' it's totally location-independent."

Long-time super Crosby dies

Lonnie Crosby, an honorary member of the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association and a board member of Lake Cisco Country Club, died Christmas Day in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Between 1968 and his retirement in January 1993, Mr. Crosby was superintendent at Snyder Country Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course and Winkler County Golf Course. He is survived by his wife, Dixie; a son, Russel of Lubbock; and a daughter, Brenda of Abilene.

15,386 attended GCSAA conclave

Registration totaling 15,386 highlighted the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 1994 International Golf Course Conference and Show in Dallas. A total of 1,309 attendees from more than 50 countries attended the week's events. A record 671 exhibitors showcased their products and services during the three-day trade show at the Dallas Convention Center.

Beauty turf deep on golf courses

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get to a position I think will make the hole look good and make sure they move the pin so it's not in front of the tree, and that the photo is balanced," Roberts said.

Klemme, who prefers to work alone, asks for a two-way radio. "It's nice to have that backup if you need ropes, signs or something else moved. If it's for a big-time ad campaign, I'll have them pull all the stakes, too."

To help the superintendent, Klemme arrives at least two or three hours prior to shoot, rides the course quickly, and tells the superintendent which holes he will shoot that afternoon and the next morning (providing photos with the light coming from both directions).

"That way, they'll be prepping just a few holes rather than the whole course," he said.

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