

JB VISITATIONS:**November - Illinois.**

Presented a keynote address before the North Central Turfgrass Conference held in the Chicago suburbs on the topic of Past, Present, and Future Trends In Turfgrass Science. The extraordinarily severe, hot, humid conditions during the summer of 1995 were a major topic of conversation during the conference. Such severe summer environmental stresses occur once in ten to twenty years, but in between there is a tendency for turfgrass managers to pay less attention to many of the small cultural practices that contribute to enhanced environmental stress resistance and thus do not properly prepare the turf so that it is best able to survive such stresses. Thus, 1995 was certainly a reality check that requires each turfgrass manager to reassess the cultural practices which should be integrated into the overall cultural program in order to maximize stress hardiness for such extraordinary occasions.

December - Ohio.

Presented a keynote address on Turfgrass Benefits and Environmental Protection before the Ohio Turfgrass Conference. This regional conference is the industry leader that surpassed 5,300 in attendance in 1995. I also participated in a two-hour evening session that involved simply the opportunity for those attending to ask questions to a panel of four participants. It was certainly a lively and stimulating discussion.

January - Texas.

Presented a keynote lecture on environmental issues before the Southern Texas Section of the PGA of America plus two lectures on trends in turfgrass science and culture. This was a rare opportunity to speak before a group of professional golfers which included my son, Jim, PGA Professional at Lost Creek Country Club in Austin, Texas. Many questions were asked and great interest was focused on potential new grass cultivars, especially for putting greens.

January - Massachusetts.

Presented a major talk on root zone stabilization of sports fields with interlocking mesh elements. The feature of the conference was an evening reception at which Dr. Joseph Troll, retired teacher of turfgrass science at the University of Massachusetts, was honored for his many years of teaching contributions especially to the turfgrass managers in the New England area.

NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE:

Handbook of Turfgrass Insect Pests. edited by Rich L. Brandenburg and Michael G. Villani. The Entomological Society of America. 140 pages. 1995.

This book was prepared by 31 contributing authors from throughout the United States. The book contains information on 31 insect and mite pests associated with turfgrasses, and encompasses the scientific classification, origin, distribution, description, turfgrass, and symptoms, pest life cycle, pest management, and illustrations for each insect. In addition, there is a discussion of beneficial organisms and strategies for turfgrass pest management. Included are 60 color photographs and 58 illustrations, plus a glossary of terms.

Contact: Entomological Society of America, 9301 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706-3115, USA. Phone: 301-731-4535; Fax: 301-731-4538. Price is U.S. \$30, plus U.S. \$2.50 for shipping within U.S. and U.S. \$3.50 for shipping of foreign orders.

UPCOMING JB VISITATIONS:

Provided for Institute Affiliates who might wish to request a visitation when I'm nearby.

- March 1 to 4 - Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- March 6 to 9 - Cromwell, Connecticut.
- March 11 to 14 - Columbus, Ohio.
- May 10 to 13 - Netherlands.
- May 14 to 31 - England.
- June - Italy