

## ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FOUNDATION, INC.

Turfgrass is very important in our everyday life. We commonly appreciate it for its' aesthetic values - highway road sides, parks, cemeteries, home lawns, golf courses and general landscaping. However, few people know that the oxygen produced by the grass plant is very important. An area of turfgrass 25 feet by 25 feet (625 square feet) can produce enough oxygen to support the lives of four people. An average golf course (130 acres) can produce enough oxygen for 36,400 people.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation is a non-profit organization that was formed to initiate and carry on research in the culture and maintenance of turfgrass. The University of Illinois has conducted this research program that has been funded by an annual allocation from the Legislature of the State of Illinois, the subscription of memberships, grants from private industry and a few donations.

Therefore, in an effort to raise sufficient funds to support turfgrass research at the University of Illinois, the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will be sponsoring a golf day on August 23, 1976 at the Indian Lakes Country Club, 232 West Schick Road, Bloomingdale, Illinois. Tickets will be sold for \$30.00 per person and will include golf, golf cars, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and an opportunity to win many prizes. Additional contributions will be significantly appreciated. The donor of each \$100.00 will receive an additional free ticket. Additional information may be obtained from your golf course superintendent or the golf day chairman, Richard Lamkey, 676-2660.

We hope that everyone will be able to participate in this event. Today, more than ever, because maintenance costs have increased substantially and turfgrass areas are being used extensively, it is our responsibility to acquire as much knowledge as possible. Your acknowledgement of and donation to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will contribute to the product of our efforts.

We hope that you will make every effort to support this important research program. The excellent condition of our turfgrass areas and the development of many improved strains of grass are the results of research. Your participation is very necessary for this program to continue.

Ray Gerber  
Chairman, Publicity

### letter received

Joseph J. Grenko  
Midwest Assoc. of Golf Course Superintendents  
PO Box 413  
Lake Villa, Illinois

Dear Joe:

Please extend to the Board of Directors of the M.A.G.C.S. my pleasure and appreciation upon being extended membership in your fine group.

Be assured that I shall take every possible opportunity to participate.

Many thanks and best wishes for a cool, moist summer.

Cordially,  
KENYON T. PAYNE, Professor  
Michigan State University

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