

## GOLF COURSE SUPTS. SUMMARY

A man of many hats, the Golf Course Superintendent is required to be versed in agronomy, horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, landscape architecture, construction, accounting, meteorology, civil engineering and mechanics, as well as public and labor relations.

The Superintendent's qualifications, responsibilities and requirements will vary tremendously from course to course, but the basic aspects will always be present in one form or another. Dedicated to the ideal of producing the highest quality playing conditions, in the most efficient and economical manner, the Golf Course Superintendent will endeavor to accomplish that ideal regardless of any diversity he may face.

Being cognizant of the Golf Course Superintendent's qualifications, responsibilities and requirements should ultimately result in a greater understanding and appreciation of the game of golf and the importance of the Superintendent's role. In reality, the game can progress only as rapidly as the Golf Course Superintendent's profession realizes greater heights and is given full opportunity to implement its speciality.

In 1926 the men of the fledgling turfgrass maintenance industry realized that there was tremendous education and professional opportunities to be gained by uniting, and in that year formed the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. The organization had, as one of its primary objectives, the promotion of efficient, economical and up-to-date maintenance of golf courses.

Today, after two name changes, the Superintendent's professional organization, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, continues to operate under those objectives, placing more emphasis on the management aspects of golf course operations. The progress achieved in the profession and playing conditions is due in no small measure to the accomplishments of the Association and the cooperation of its members.

**Mr. George Haddad**  
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Dear George:

This letter is to express my appreciation to you for the courtesies extended during my participation in the 26th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic. I appreciated your picking me up at the airport and giving me all the important sights into the turf situation in that area.

I was pleased to attend the Conference and share the information we have gained through our years of work with the black turfgrass ateniensis. The visitation we had Wednesday night with the rest of the superintendents was indeed very informative. Through this discussion I think we have some trials set up on at least Ravisloe Country Club and Jim Mitteer's course, Calumet Country Club. Dr. Randall will be arranging for some trials at these locations and I plan to participate by being there when the data from the treated and untreated areas are taken.

May I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to you for your financial support for the ateniensis program. I know that you thoroughly understand the value of contribution such as the one you made. Perhaps those funds will help defray the cost of our coming to the Medinah area in 1979 to evaluate some of the trials that Dr. Randall will set up.

**Harry D. Niemczyk, Ph. D.**  
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