

THE MUSSER INTERNATIONAL TURF-GRASS FOUNDATION

This letter is being sent to official representatives of GCSAA affiliated G.C. superintendents and related turfgrass groups. Each group is asked to consider the proposed plan carefully. Money realized will be used in a way that will cooperate with other research agencies so as to minimize duplication of effort.

Dear Colleague:

Golf course superintendents have the rare opportunity to be the No. 1 fund raisers in the nation for turf research. The plan is simple and uncomplicated. It conflicts with no other fund-raising plan.

Among the millions of golfers, there are those who rarely get the chance to play on a fine course. Many would be glad to pay a fee for the opportunity. Many private clubs are closed on Mondays.

A request from the superintendent, backed by the pro, made to the Board of Directors through channels, would result in many clubs opening the course for one afternoon (or a day) to non-member golfers for a fee. It would not be a tournament. There would be no frills, no food-just golf. Arrangements and publicity (invitations) would be wholly in the capable hands of the superintendent and the pro. They would set the fee and collect the money.

No cost to the club would be incurred. The superintendent and the pro would be doing their regular jobs. It could be an opportunity for concerned club members to play with paying guests. All should be informed that the urgent reason in back of fund raising is that research funds at experiment stations are drying up. Budgets have been slashed severely. Turf research is at the crossroads.

Money raised from superintendents and their clubs within a state will be split 50/50 with the turfgrass organization in that state that traditionally makes research grants to the state experiment station. The Musser Foundation would retain 50% share to build the Fellowship Fund which earns income that is used to finance graduate students doing turfgrass research at various institutions.

Example: In Maryland one half of the money raised will go to the Maryland Turfgrass Council for research at the University of Maryland. In Virginia 50% would go to the Virginia Turfgrass Council. Florida has a Florida Turfgrass Association that would receive half of the money for use within the state. Each state will determine where the money will go for distribution to the selected research institution(s).

Herb Graffis says, "...I'm for you and I've got to cheer for you."

The plan is simple, uncomplicated, and there will be recognition for those who pioneer this unique fund-raising effort. Best of all, there will be money for turf research and for graduate students who represent the FUTURE in our profession.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL DOG LOVERS

Of all dogs the hot dog is the noblest, it never bites the hand that feed it, but always feeds the hand that bites it.

C. E. (Scotty) Stewart

Dear Ray,

(March 28, 1983)

Your ad offer is most generous. I've enclosed a typed copy which I hope can be used at the end of this letter.

Ray, I had no idea what was going to happen when I was sponsored into a distributorship for Amway and other products. With this as a vehicle to make \$\$\$ for turf research, and with the Musser Foundation backing me on the fund raising plan, it is all coming together. I am thrilled with the potential.

Some distributors are worth millions and they buy expensive cars to show that they are successful. Eventually I want to be able to make tax exempt gifts to the Musser Foundation for turf research. We are considering projects in soil microbiology and related projects that will take years to implement. It will take money. We need to know what happens when we apply powerful chemicals to our turf. This and more! There are ryegrasses that contain a fungus inside the cells. When a bug bites the plant, the plant bites back. This project was discussed in Atlanta, but the money to finance it is not there.

I don't dream up these things all by myself. The Highest Authority has been guiding me and I thank God that he gives me the courage and strength to keep on working. It is a way to thank my superintendent friends for all they have given me — and it has been a lot.

— ss Fred V. Grau

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The product is good or I would not represent it. The money I make will be used largely for turf research through graduate students financed by the Musser Foundation. They are our future. Normal office expenses, naturally must be met. (I could use a full-time secretary).

On request, I will send a color brochure and other information. Write or call: Fred V. Grau, GRAU-AG Int'l., P.O. Box AA, College Park, MD. 20740-1014. Phone 301/864-0090.

CDGA GREEN SEMINAR

The Chicago District Green Seminar held at the Butterfield C.C. on April 5th, 1983 had one of the largest turn-outs ever. Total attendance was 253 and the breakdown is as follows: 101 Superintendents, 36 Green Committee, 9 Presidents, 14 Professionals, 11 Managers, and 82 others.

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