

A Description of the Operations and Responsibilities of the Golf Course Turfgrass Advisor

INTRODUCTION:

Through the cooperation of the Chicago District Golf Association, the University of Illinois, and a board of area Golf Course Superintendents the development of a new position entitled: Golf Course Turfgrass Advisor has been established. The premise for which this position has been created is the need for expedient and integrated consultation and diagnosis of those maladies which threaten the high quality golf course turfgrass in the Chicago area. The destructive potential of the numerous maladies and the high populus of golf courses in the Chicago area of Illinois were the basis for the Chicago District Golf Association to adopt this program and pledge to support its operations.

The position of Golf Course Advisor will be organized within the State Extension Service directed by Dr. W. Oschwald, Associate Dean and Director of the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. As an Extension Service employee, the Advisor will be housed in the C.D.G.A. office complex (619 Enterprise Drive, Suite 101, Oak Brook, IL 60521) also will have an office with a laboratory provided by the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

A review board representing the C.D.G.A., golf course superintendents, and the University of Illinois faculty responsible for turfgrass science will govern the operation and the direction of the Advisor.

The Advisor will never work or enter into any type of discussion regarding advice to a C.D.G.A. member club before the Golf Course Superintendent is first made aware of all initial approaches to such a situation.

Dr. Randall T. Kane just recently moved in to fulfill the duties of Golf Course Turfgrass Advisor. His objectives will be to provide direction and coordination for turfgrass programs and specific research projects in areas that will improve the quality of turfgrasses and the costs to maintain it. In cooperation with Golf Course Superintendents, the University of Illinois, and the Chicago District Golf Foundation this position will provide us with our own "family doctor" to promote the highest quality conditions for the game of golf.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOLF COURSE TURFGRASS ADVISOR:

1. Be thoroughly knowledgeable in disease, insects, and in turfgrass deficiencies.
2. Be expert in turfgrass management practices.
3. Operate an efficient and expedient diagnostic laboratory.
4. Collect and record diagnostic cases and meteorological data for future reference.
5. Be communicative with turfgrass researchers and extension specialists at the University of Illinois.
6. Consult with golf course superintendents only at their requests.
7. Attend and participate in superintendent meetings on local, regional, as well as national levels.
8. Attend Illinois Turfgrass Foundation events.
9. Attend the University of Illinois Turfgrass Field Day.



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