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Fred Opperman, CGCS
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Dear Mr. Opperman:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your organization has been awarded a 1986 Harry C. Eckhoff Award for excellence in golf journalism.

Your entry, THE BULL SHEET, was judged First Place in the category for Professional Association Newsletters.

The National Golf Foundation is preparing the awards at this time and will present yours in the very near future. The Foundation will also submit a news announcement detailing all of the 1986 Harry C. Eckhoff Award winners to all local and regional golfing publications.

Enclosed please find camera-ready artwork that you are welcome to use to identify yourself as a winner in the 1986 Eckhoff Award competition.

The NGF is honored by your participation in this competition, and wish you great success with your efforts in the coming year. We look forward to your entry for the 1987 Harry C. Eckhoff Award competition.

With kind regards,

Bill Jesso
Director of Communications

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“Transformation”

As April warms the ground,
Though We hear not a sound,
Transformation's doing It's thing,
Showing All the Face of Spring.
An Array of new growth has begun,
Reaching for It's place in the Sun.
Soon as far as the Eye can See,
There will be a Green and Floral Sea.
Spring has thrown wide the door,
I just heard a Voice cry FORE.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

Leaves of Grass

Every individual plant of Kentucky bluegrass produces three feet of leaf growth in an average season. This growth amounts to about five tons of clippings per acre each year. When these clippings are left to decay in place, they are worth the equivalent of three applications of lawn fertilizer. The average lawn in the United States requires some 40 hours of mowing each year. Larger lawns are likely to require more than this and gardeners with smaller lawns, get away with less time at the mower. How often should a lawn be mowed? As far as lawngresses are concerned, not more than 1/3 of the total growth above the soil should be removed in clipping at any time. Thus, a turf maintained at a 2 inch height could grow to a 3 inch height before mowing. A lawn maintained at a height of 1 inch could grow to a 1 1/2 inch height before mowing. At these frequencies, clippings need not be removed; they will decompose and help nourish the lawn.

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