

The O. J. Noer Research Foundation, Inc. has announced four new grants covering a variety of interests in the turfgrass industry. Recipients include:

- Dr. Wayne Hanna, Coastal Plain Experiments Station, Tifton, Ga., toward developing fine textured seeded Bermudagrasses;

- Dr. Robert Shearman, University of Nebraska, to lead a study on the impact of cultural practices on putting greens and their microbial communities;

- Dr. Henry Wilkinson, University of Illinois, to study genetic resistance to patch diseases by bluegrasses and bentgrasses; and

- Dr. Joe Vargas, Michigan State University, who will continue his work on anthracnose crown rot of *Poa annua*.

The grants were approved at the annual meeting of the Foundation during the 1996 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla., according to Research Director Jim Spindler.

RBI web site a diversity of golf industry interests

LITTLETON, Colo. — RBI Companies, a contracting group based here, is talking dirty on the world wide web, or rather dirt; moving it, shaping it, hauling it and creating golf courses from it.

Sound interesting? Not initially, but when you dive into RBI's home page at <http://www.abwam.com/rbi>, you'll see the construction of the field at Texas A&M, golf courses under construction and recently completed, and you can even visit the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

What you will find at <http://www.abwam.com/rbi>

- **RBI Sport:** Weekly photos of the field construction at Texas A&M with status reports. Soon to be added to this site: The facts on RBI's contract with Iowa State for its new football field.

- **RBI Golf:** Photos of courses recently completed, under construction and even new golf courses barely on the drawing board.

- **Randall & Blake, Inc.:** RBI's full-service capabilities throughout the western United States in every aspect of construction from site development/utilities installation to landscape maintenance.

GCSANJ SUPPORTS SCHOLARS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey has awarded scholarships to five students. They are John Genovesi of the University of Rhode Island and Scott Fretz, Keith Kubik, Paul Stampa and Yi Wang of Rutgers University. All intend to pursue careers in the turf industry.

Noer Foundation awards four grants for turfgrass research

Also, President William R. Schmidt announced the Board of Directors was expanded from 9 to 12, with the addition of Wally Fuchs, Turf Products Ltd., West Chicago, Ill.; Dick Morey, Brantwood Publications, Clearwater, Fla.; and Jim Latham, Whitney, Texas, as secretary.

The Foundation was created in 1959 to honor O.J. Noer, who

was known internationally for his expertise in turfgrass agronomics. His career as agronomist for Milorganite spanned 40 years, during which he worked closely with golf course superintendents and other professionals in turfgrass management. His many contributions to the turfgrass industry were acknowledged by the GCSAA's dedication of the 1960

International Turfgrass Conference to him, and the USGA's presentation of the Green Section Award in 1963. He is also the only non-golfer in the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame.

The purpose of the O.J. Noer Research Foundation is to fund basic turfgrass research. This has provided a vehicle for many students to receive advanced degrees. Since its inception, it

has provided over \$400,000 for turfgrass research, as well as establishing a means for the Turfgrass Information File at Michigan State University to purchase rare books for its collection. Funds are generated through membership subscriptions, contributions from individuals, professional associations and turf-oriented corporations. Milorganite distributors have been especially helpful, as well as the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District which makes annual contributions based on Milorganite sales.

