How good are you at golf course history?

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The fall semester is well underway all across the country and many students have already experienced a few surprise quizzes. They are usually offered as a way to measure what students are actually learning rather than a measure of ability to take exams.

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1. The GCSAA will soon announce the winner(s) of the 2011 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award. One past recipient of the DSA received this award three times. Name that person.

2. Who/what graced the cover of the July/August 2010 issue of the USGA Green Section Record?

3. How long has golf been in America?

4. In the history of golf courses in America, what has been the predominant golf turf?

5. The role of women has steadily risen over more recent years – as superintendents and assistants, as sales reps and corporate officials, and as faculty researchers and instructors. Who was likely the first woman to make major contributions to the science of turfgrass management?

6. A lot of turfgrass research was conducted at the Arlington (VA) Turf Gardens of the USDA, from the earliest days until the WWII period. At that time, the turf research was moved to a USDA facility at Beltsville, MD. What was built on the site of the Arlington Turf Gardens?

7. Charles Piper and Russell Oakley earned a prominent and important place in our history of golf turf. How?

8. Why should the name Edwin Budding ring a bell for you?

9. What company sold the first commercially available triplex greensmower? When was that?

10. T or F. The USGA Green Section "Specifications for Putting Green Construction" celebrated its 50-year anniversary this year.

If you passed, congratulations! If not, study hard; maybe you will have better luck next quiz.