

thing. This is not a highly entertaining book, but it is as readable as a lot of "historical" records are. Ms. Jenkins used a lot of references in putting this volume together—nearly 50 pages worth of literature review.

This book is no "expose", as one reviewer claimed in the cover notes, of how Americans have been duped by the USGA (can you believe that one?), the Garden Clubs of America (honest) and the U.S Department of Agriculture (I always was suspicious that USDA bureaucrats were sneaky)!

I have come to realize that it really kills some in this country that there are millions of Americans who have pride in their homes and property and really enjoy having a beautiful lawn around their home. Jealousy? Envy? Who knows.

Ms. Jenkins makes this startling and brilliant announcement on p. 184: "Lawns represent time, money and labor."

So doesn't everything else in our lives? Here's my analysis: I use 2.5 gallons of fuel to cut my yard for a year, at a cost of about \$3.50. A spot weeder spray bottle sells for about \$3.95. That 1.5 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer I put on each year costs around \$20, for an annual grand total (including all taxes) of \$28.65. The time probably amounts to about 30 hours a season.

Compare that to a trip to hear the Lyric Opera of Chicago's production of AIDA by Guiseppe Verdi. Tickets for two come to \$120. Most likely, from Madison, a car will consume a dozen gallons of fuel getting to Chicago, to the tune of about \$14. Tolls, meals, a room for the night and a program will add another \$100. One performance—\$250. Good grief! Let's ban the opera and save the world. It repre-

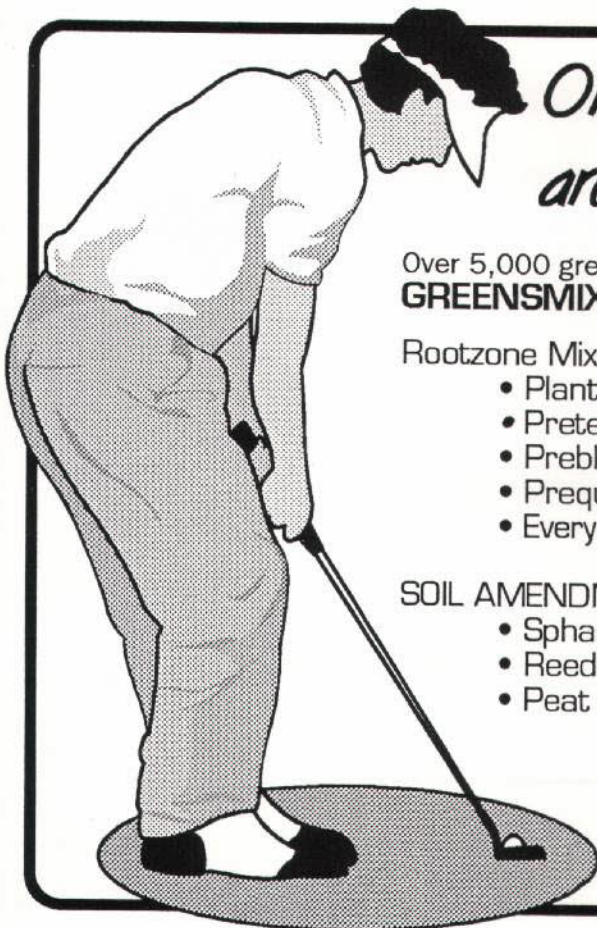
sents time, money and labor. Heaven forbid. Fact is, it makes my lawn look like a clean, safe bargain.

You can make the same case with a trip to a Packers game, the Rose Bowl or a weekend at the State Fair in West Allis.

My point is that *The Lawn* is hardly the unbiased, prejudice-free read I had hoped for. Don't buy it; you can borrow mine. 🍷

## WGCSA Meeting Locations For 1994

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER/TOPIC
August 8 (Monday)	JANESVILLE C.C. - Janesville, WI Brad Wagner, G.C. Superintendent	—
August 16 (Tuesday)	<b>WTA Field Day</b> O.J. Noer Center, Madison, WI	—
September 12 (Monday)	LAWSONIA G.C. - Green Lake, WI Mike Berwick, G.C. Superintendent	Bob Vavrek (Dinner) "Year in Review - 1994"
September 19 (Monday)	<b>WTA Golf Outing</b> Beloit C.C. - Beloit, WI Don Ferger, G.C. Superintendent	—
October 3 (Monday)	PINE HILLS C.C. - Sheboygan, WI Rod Johnson, G.C. Superintendent	Dr. Frank Rossi (Lunch) "To Be Announced"
October 7-8 (Friday/Saturday)	<b>WGCSA Dinner Dance</b> Cold Water Canyon G.C. - Wisconsin Dells, WI	—
December 5-6 (Monday/Tuesday)	<b>WGCSA / GCSAA Regional Seminar</b> Ramada Inn - Fond du Lac, WI	"Preconstruction and Construction Management"



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