



TURFGRASS CRUCIVERBALIST

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A cruciverbalist is a maker of crossword puzzles. A turfgrass cruciverbalist is a maker of crossword puzzles for turfgrass professionals. For those of you who manage to handle the *New York Times* or the *USA Today* crossword puzzles, I apologize for my amateur effort. Let me or the editor know if you like this puzzle or if you have any requests for other puzzles such as word search, kriss kross, quote falls or cryptograms. I would like to hear from you at mmm@plantpath.wisc.edu. The answers will be at the back of the issue. I hope all is well. 🌱

(Answers on page 53)

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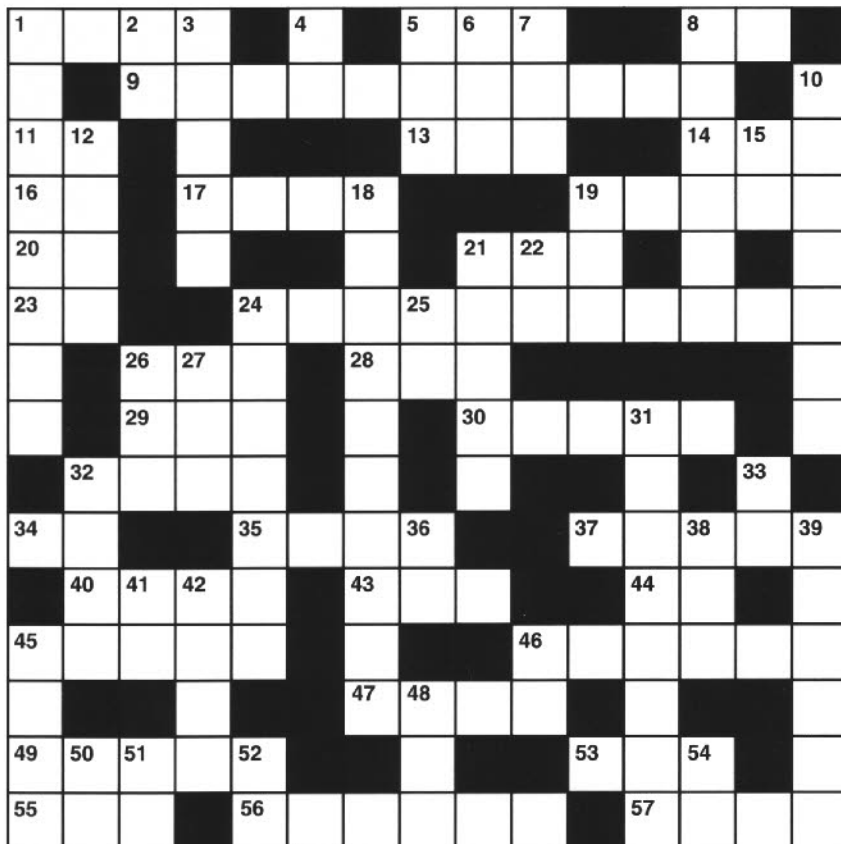
- 1 Grows in shady and moist areas
- 5 To direct one's efforts
- 8 Vet's Administration
- 9 Causes brown patch
- 11 "Just say _____"
- 13 Extrasensory perception
- 14 Late singer Orbison
- 16 Turnover
- 17 Dr. Necrotic Ring Spot
- 19 Heated discussion
- 20 Extended play
- 21 An expert
- 23 Verb form of be
- 24 Center of the Northern half of the Western hemisphere
- 28 To obtain
- 29 Macintosh
- 30 Legend Dr. Houston...
- 32 President Nixon
- 34 Research assistant
- 35 Bad, ill, unfavorable
- 37 Extreme, radical
- 40 Ears do this
- 43 Blue prints of life
- 44 Teaching assistant
- 45 My dog's name and the King of Rock & Roll
- 46 Lethargy; drunken
- 47 Clay, sand and _____
- 49 The _____ Roots

- 53 Indigestion
- 55 Age, day, time, epoch
- 56 Reggie likes to do this
- 57 Honey, darling, sweetheart

DOWN

- 1 UW PPath grad and 2nd USGA Green Prez
- 2 Senior
- 3 Full of color
- 4 The Wizard of _____
- 5 Tennis serve term
- 6 Internal Transcribed Spacer
- 7 Floor cleaning device
- 8 'King of Turf Pathology' from MSU
- 10 Blights that kill overnight
- 12 Said at accident
- 15 Ohio
- 18 Chemicals that kill fungi
- 19 Nirvana spin-off the "_____ Fighters"
- 21 Rhizoctonia solani causes brown _____

- 22 Route
- 24 Football's World Champions
- 25 id est
- 26 Sex Pistol's song
- 27 Political Action Committee
- 31 Controls: biological, chemical & _____
- 32 UW PPath grad who worked with Monteith for USGA
- 33 Railroad
- 36 Lane
- 38 An audible blow
- 39 Expose to circulating air
- 41 Electron volt
- 42 Plural of #5 across
- 45 A cutting quality
- 46 Street
- 48 Stuff in a pen
- 50 Railroad
- 51 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 52 Saint
- 54 Besides home runs, Babe Ruth had lots of these



"What does that mean? What's a State Steward?" Well it means that if any of you have a question about the ACSP for Golf Courses, or the School Program, I am here to help. And I sincerely mean that...please call me. Audubon International is located in Selkirk, New York. You may feel awkward talking to a stranger in New York and it is a long distance call. You may have a simple question or problem; feel free to call me. I know that I'm a stranger to many of you and a transplanted Pennyhead, but honestly I have been a Packer fan all of my life and both programs work as well in the Flatlands as they will in God's Country.

To be honest with you, as much as we (and members of the GCSAA, chemical companies, and any other offspring) have been 'blowing our horns' about how great these Audubon Programs are...they seem to have stagnated. And the School Program has barely gotten off the ground.

Here are some facts:

1. Of the 15,390 golf courses in the U.S. (NGF 1995) 1,915 are registered in the ACSP for Golf Courses. Eighty-six of those courses have reached full Sanctuary Status. This is great and I am sure that many more Sanctuaries are soon to grace our country. But, if you do the math, it means that only 12.4% of the golf courses in the country are even in the program.

2. Of the 471 golf courses in Wisconsin (NGF 1995) 59 are registered in the ACSP for Golf Courses. Two of those courses have reached full Sanctuary Status, Ozaukee Country Club and Country Club of Wisconsin. Congratulations to Wayne Otto and Gordon Waddington!

If you do the math, Wisconsin is keeping right in line with the rest of the country with 12.5% of our courses enrolled in the ACSP. So as much as we (and GCSAA et al) tout the Environmental Stewards and the ACS Programs...only 12.5% of the superintendents seem to be working towards the 'environmental standards' that have been presented to them. Please...don't get me wrong and read any political nonsense into this last statement!

I am not saying that if you are not enrolled in the ACSP for Golf Courses that your course is substandard or a less desirable place to

recreate. I know as well as Mr. Ron Dodson (CEO Audubon International) knows, that not every golf course, for one reason or another, will ever get involved in the ACSP. It is not the right program for every one; it's as simple as that.

What I am saying is that if your course is a feasible candidate for the ACSP...do it! You won't regret making the decision. You will be quite amazed at the different management strategies that existed on your course, but you had not thought about. And...most importantly... the tons of paper work that you may have heard about in the past have been greatly reduced. A.I. has compiled a workbook with simple step-by-step outlines in each category. And you can always call me.

Some more facts:

3. Forty-six schools out of 15,390 possible golf course 'candidate fathers' have been adopted. That equals 0.3%.

4. Wisconsin has surpassed the U.S. standard. Two schools out of 471 'candidate fathers' have been adopted. That equals 0.4%. I adopted those two schools.

I do have a genuine desire to see both of the sanctuary programs develop and succeed, especially the School Program. The value that you can add to your community, the new public relations contacts (teachers, parents, local business volunteers), and the realization gained that—golf is good for the community—all of these things will happen because you cared. People in your community may begin to understand that the unknown resource in their town is the beautiful golf course they drive past every day.

"And hey, that greenkeeper really does do a great job!" That's right. I care and we all should care as well. I can be reached at 414-367-9955 extension 21. 🍷

(Answers to crossword puzzle from page 6)

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