

Turfgrass Information File Available to GCSAA Members



The most comprehensive index of turfgrass information in existence is now available at the touch of a button to all GCSAA Class A and Superintendent Members.

Through an agreement between the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and Michigan State University's Turfgrass Information Center, the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) can be accessed by Superintendent Members along with Class A members, who were given access in 2007. GCSAA Class A and Superintendent Members can enter the TGIF through the GCSAA Web site at <http://www.gcsaa.org/solutions/TGIF.aspx> or by clicking on Solutions/Tools on the left-hand side of the [gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org) homepage and then clicking on Turfgrass Information File (TGIF).

The TGIF is a computerized database available through the Web that covers full scope of the turfgrass industry, including content from journals and maga-

zines, research reports, conference proceedings, Extension bulletins, books and book chapters, technical reports, theses and dissertations, web documents, published Q-and-As, scanned golf course plans, and video interviews. In all the TGIF contains more than 130,000 records and continues to grow daily. Among its holdings is the complete digitized archive of GCSAA's *Golf Course Management* magazine and its predecessor from 1933 to the present. Subscriptions to the TGIF for individuals usually cost \$100 a year.

For those GCSAA members who are not familiar with the TGIF, the Turfgrass Information Center is developing a series of guides and tutorials to get the most out of the TGIF. The first of these, "Getting Started with TGIF," is now available at http://tic.msu.edu/Getting_Started_TGIF.pdf. This two-page handout provides a quick overview of the basic search, guided search and more.

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GCSAA has launched a new student newsletter for adult and student members alike. The Path student newsletter has information and resources valuable to students considering a career in golf. The newsletter can be found at gcsaa.org/epushes/studentNews/thepath.html and contains information on everything from college programs to living away from home.

The 2009 GCSAA Education Conference and the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans are coming quick. New Orleans is a great city and many of the places we will be using are fully upgraded after hurricane Katrina. Some helpful deadlines to remember are:

August 1 - Online Hotel Registration Begins

October 1 - Member Registration for the 2009 Conference and Show Opens along with GCSAA Tournament registration. 🌱