

DR.BEARD PENS NEW USGA-SPONSORED TEXT:

"TURF MANAGEMENT FOR GOLF COURSES"

"Turf Management for Golf Course", written by eminent turfgrass researcher Dr. James B. Beard and sponsored by the United States Golf Association, is the newest and most comprehensive reference and "how-to" book concerned with the culture and management of golf turf.

The book, a detailed, well-illustrated work that was eight years in the writing, emphasizes the application of basic turfgrass principles to golf course turfgrass culture. In preparing the book, Dr. Beard, Professor of turfgrass science in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University, was assisted by the staff agronomists of the USGA Green Section, headed by then-National Director Alexander M. Radko, and by seven golf course superintendents representing the various climatic regions of the United States.

The 660 page hard-cover edition, which contains hundreds of easy to read line drawings, graphs, illustrations and photographs, provides a handy reference tool for golf course superintendents, golf club officials, course owners, green committee chairmen, golf course architects, novice golf course workers and student of golf course turfgrass culture.

"The goal was to provide a comprehensive, practical book that can be used by professional individuals in leadership and management positions on all types of golf courses, including private, municipal and public fee facilities," Dr. Beard states in the preface of the book. "It is hoped that the information presented will prove a useful guide and practical reference for the economy, establishment and maintenance of golf course turfs, which in turn will provide optimum conditions for the game of golf."

Dr. Beard is an internationally known turfgrass researcher and educator and has made major contributions through his research on turfgrass stress physiology. Among his honors are National Science Foundation Post Doctoral Fellow, Fellow in the American Society of Agronomy, Meritorious Service Award of the International Turfgrass Society, Honorary Award of the American Sod Producers Association and the Oberly Award of the American Library Assoc.

He has authored four other books: Turfgrass: Science and Culture, Turfgrass Bibliography, Introduction to Turfgrass Science and Culture - Laboratory Exercises and How to Have a Beautiful Lawn.

Turf Management for Golf Courses is the third in a series of turf related books sponsored by the USGA. It is not a revision but a completely new text. In 1917 the USGA sponsored the first book on golf course turfgrass culture, Turf for Golf Courses, by Charles V. Piper and Russell A. Oakley. In 1950 Turf Management, by H. Burton Musser, was published under USGA auspices; it was revised in 1962.

Turf Management for Golf Courses, published by Burgess Publishing Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota is available to the public for \$46.75 postpaid. To order, contact the USGA, Golf House, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931.

USGA ANNUAL GREEN SECTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. For the third year in a row this program will be held in conjunction with the GCSAA International Turf Conference and Show in Atlanta, Georgia. Thursday, February 24 there will be an all day program. It will cover such topics as "Golf Courses of the Future", "Ups and Downs with the Stimpmeter", "The Soil Controversy-Mixes for Putting Green Construction and Topdressing" and "How Green Does a Golf Course Have To Be?" This Educational Program is open to all attendees of the GCSAA Conference week.