

USGA Announces Special Advisory Offer to Municipal Courses

As one of many activities, the United States Golf Association has an ongoing commitment to support the public golf sector.

In furtherance of this commitment, the USGA Executive Committee has authorized the USGA Green Section to provide special support to municipally/government owned golf courses. Specifically, the USGA is making a one-time offer to send one of its expert agronomy consultants for a full-day Turf Advisory Service (TAS) in 1991 for only \$700, its normal price for a half-day visit.

"This offer is available only to municipally/government-owned golf courses that have not used TAS in 1989 or 1990," said Raymond Anderson, chairman of the USGA Green Section committee.

It costs the USGA \$1,300 to provide this service. So why is the USGA making such an offer that costs it money?

Anderson said, "We hope that by providing expert agronomic advice to municipal courses, we can help to improve the quality of playing conditions for many of the nation's public golfers, and that is a goal that fits within the charter of the USGA. We also are betting that once they try the service, they will become one of our annual half-day subscribers."

"You need not be afraid that a USGA Turf Advisory Service visit will result in an increase in the cost of maintaining your golf facility," Anderson said. "On the contrary, the TAS usually shows a facility how to get the most out of a limited budget."

The USGA staff of 16 highly-trained and experienced agronomists provides on-course consulting services to more than 1,600 golf courses each year. Odds are high that its agronomists have seen special course problems before and can give quality solutions that will save time, money and frustration. The staff is dispersed throughout the country in different regions and sees most of the turf problems experienced in a region as well as their solutions.

In 1991, the USGA will fund turfgrass and environmental research through major universities totalling \$2,000,000.

"Our agronomy staff has access to all of the latest research, and is unequalled in up-to-date turfgrass knowledge," Anderson said. "Also, many of our agronomists have been golf course superintendents earlier in their careers, so they will relate well to your golf course personnel."

Budgetary officials are asked to consider appropriating the \$700 TAS fee for 1991 and contact the USGA by early next spring.

To apply for this one-time TAS offer, send a letter of intent or purchase order, along with the name and telephone number of your course official whom the USGA should contact, to:

USGA Green Section
Municipal Golf Course Offer
P.O. Box 708
Far Hills, NJ 07931-0708

For more information, call the USGA Green Section office at (201) 234-2300.

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Kudos To Dale Wysocki, Course Superintendent at

Faribault Town and Country Club, on winning the second annual Watson Award for Journalism.

Turf Supply Company would like to pay tribute to Dale Wysocki, and all other contributors to "Hole Notes".

