

II. The Impact of Golf and Why Turfgrass Research Is Needed

Golf is played on grass. As the game of golf has grown, so has the knowledge on how to produce, establish, and maintain the turfgrasses used for golf course playing surfaces. The growth in the number of golfers and the number of rounds played has required construction of more golf courses able to withstand an increased number of rounds. At the same time, golf courses have experienced increased maintenance costs and tougher government regulation with regard to water use and environmental issues.

The interaction of the increase in the game's popularity with higher maintenance costs and government regulation created several problems needing solutions. Turfgrass research was needed to solve these problems; however, significant funding for this research was not available to the university researchers able to address these problems. The following sections document the increased popularity of golf, its economic impact, environmental issues golf courses face, and why the USGA got involved in turfgrass research.

Golfers and Golf Courses

The popularity of golf has increased steadily in the United States since 1946. In the short span from 1985 to 1990, the number of golfers increased from 17 to 25 million (Table 1). In this same period, the number of rounds of golf played annually increased by 17.6 percent. Between 1968 and 1990, the number of golf facilities increased from 9,600 to 12,800 (Table 2) and the National Golf Foundation estimates that over 12 percent of the population in the United States over the age of 12 plays golf (Table 3).

Most golf courses and the golfers using these facilities are concentrated in the major urban centers of the United States. The expansion of golf in regions with densely populated urban areas has increased concern about land use, water

Table 1. Increase in the number of golfers and rounds played in the United States from 1958 to 1990.

Total number	Year				
	1958	1963	1968	1985	1990
	----- in millions -----				
Golfers	4.0	7.3	11.3	17.5	25.0
Rounds	---	---	194	415	488

From: Nutter and Watson (1969) and National Golf Foundation (1989, 1991).

resources, and environmental quality. The concentration of golf courses in areas requiring extensive water resources and expensive management practices has led to the need for increased funding of research to develop methods that reduce the resources needed to manage golf course facilities.

According to National Golf Foundation estimates, there are over 13,951 golf courses in the United States. Assuming an average size of 124 to 180 acres per facility, there are from 1.7 to 2.5 million acres of land dedicated to golf facilities. This estimate includes all areas of golf facilities, such as clubhouse and parking lots, that are not covered with turfgrass. The actual managed turfgrass acreage on golf courses is less than the total area of the facility reported by the National Golf Foundation.

The average dimensions of greens, surrounds,

Table 2. Increase in the total number of golf facilities in the United States from 1946 to 1990.

Item	Year				
	1946	1958	1963	1968	1990
	----- in thousands -----				
Number of facilities	4.8	5.7	7.5	9.6	12.8
Estimated acreage	---	---	300	417	533*

From: Nutter and Watson (1969), Heuber (1984), National Golf Foundation (1991) and *Estimate from Table 5.

tees, fairways, and rough vary among regulation, executive, and Par-3 golf courses. Golf course acreage in the United States (Table 5) was estimated on the basis of median turfgrass area dimensions (Table 4) and estimates of the number of golf holes by state (Table 3). Approximately 1.3 million acres of land are managed for golf course turfgrass in the United States.

The construction and maintenance intensity of golf course turfgrass areas decreases in the following order: putting greens, tees, surrounds, fairways, and roughs. The total annual amount used and number of applications for fertilizers and pesticides decreases from the greens to the rough. The portion of the golf course receiving the intensive management of green and tee areas is relatively small (6%) compared to the total acreage of turfgrass on the golf course.

Economic Impact of Golf

Table 3. Distribution of golf courses, number of rounds played and golfers by State in 1990.

State	Courses	Annual Total		% Total Population
		Rounds	Golfers ^a	
----- in thousands -----				
AL	211	5,254	264	7.9
AZ	236	8,736	416	13.7
AR	151	4,404	109	5.6
CA	853	56,556	2,842	11.8
CO	187	7,567	409	14.5
CT	168	7,823	354	12.8
DE	28	832	52	9.3
DC	10	459	23	4.0
FL	1,011	44,518	1,374	12.3
GA	324	11,577	510	9.5
ID	82	1,963	130	17.0
IL	606	22,950	1,530	16.0
IN	387	13,355	639	13.8
IA	367	8,235	394	17.4
KS	243	5,270	288	13.8
KY	228	8,280	345	11.1
LA	148	5,105	201	5.6
ME	121	2,038	109	10.8
MD	146	7,134	392	10.0
MA	329	12,960	720	14.3
MI	749	22,532	1,273	16.9
MN	394	11,123	727	21.2
MS	145	3,047	110	5.3
MO	280	8,283	499	11.7
MT	75	1,047	88	13.6
NE	173	3,899	194	15.0
NV	55	2,348	118	13.0
NH	99	1,629	90	9.5
NJ	263	11,680	730	11.0
NM	82	3,779	171	13.6
NY	781	25,631	1,643	10.9
NC	474	12,119	609	11.0
ND	103	1,634	99	19.3
OH	704	25,713	1,375	18.7
OK	172	6,528	257	9.6
OR	159	4,452	291	15.3
PA	643	18,850	1,071	10.8
RI	48	1,962	93	10.9
SC	316	9,222	290	10.0
SD	110	2,349	77	13.0
TN	234	7,482	358	8.5
TX	756	32,036	1,497	10.5
UT	94	3,257	267	21.0
VT	60	720	55	11.6
VA	256	8,348	469	9.4
WA	240	6,834	510	13.4
WV	109	3,213	135	8.8
WI	417	11,766	769	19.3
WY	49	1,668	67	17.4
Total	13,876	488,167	25,033	12.7 ^a

From: National Golf Foundation (1991); ^aAge > 12; ^bAverage.

The economic impact of the game of golf is difficult to estimate; however, more attention is being paid to the impact of "golfing dollars" as more regions of the United States become highly urbanized or develop as tourist destinations. The National Golf Foundation recently estimated that there are approximately 12 million "Core Golfers", 14 million "Occasional Golfers" and 2 million "Junior Golfers" in the United States. A core

Table 4. Range and median dimensions of turfgrass areas on golf courses in the United States.

Area	Range ^a	Median dimension		
		Regulation	Executive ^b	Par-3 ^b
----- acres -----				
Greens	0.027 - 0.618 0.124 - 0.195 ^d	0.128 ^c	0.111	0.086
Surrounds	0.163 - 0.272	0.205 ^c	0.148	0.148
Tee	0.025 - 0.166	0.049 ^c	0.049	0.049
Fairways	1.656 - 3.29 ^c	2.800 ^c	1.977	1.648
Rough	2.197 - 4.942	3.568 ^c	2.224	2.224

^a Beard (1982)

^b Estimates only

^c National Golf Foundation (1985)

^d Most popular range

^e Range for 18-hole courses only

^f Total dimension includes non-turfgrass facilities

golfer is defined as someone who is at least 18 years of age and plays eight or more rounds of golf per year. An occasional golfer is someone of the same age who plays fewer than eight rounds annually.

The average annual expenditure of core golfers for golf equipment and facility fees is \$3,246 compared to \$1,087 for occasional golfers (Table 6). These estimated annual expenditures for core and occasional golfers translate to an economic impact over \$54 billion across the United States. The amount spent on green and guest fees at public and private courses, respectively, would comprise over \$6.6 billion of the total amount spent by core and occasional golfers. The National Golf Foundation also estimated that during 1985 to 1990, the cost of an 18-hole weekday round of golf at a public facility increased 42 percent compared to a 23 percent growth in the Consumer Price Index experienced in the United States.

The maintenance of golf courses continues to make a major economic impact and has experienced rapid increases during the last twenty years. During the 1970's, the cost of energy rose substantially and caused an inflationary increase in the cost of living. The cost of maintaining golf courses was not immune to increasing energy costs which resulted in higher prices for the fuel, fertilizers and pesticides manufactured by the petroleum and chemical industries (Figure 1). The increased cost of living led to higher labor costs, which put additional strain on golf course

Table 5. Estimate of turfgrass acreage by golf courses by State^a.

State	Total Holes ^b			Estimated Acreage of Turfgrass in hectares ^c					
	Reg.	Exec.	Par-3	Green	Surrounds	Tee	Fairway	Rough	Total
	number			acres					
AL	2,943	54	54	389	619	151	8,435	10,741	20,335
AK	90	9	0	13	20	5	270	341	649
AZ	3,006	621	117	466	726	185	9,836	12,367	23,580
AR	1,962	27	27	257	410	100	5,591	7,121	13,479
CA	10,710	1,341	891	1,602	2,528	639	34,104	43,178	82,051
CO	2,475	126	135	344	546	135	7,401	9,412	17,838
CT	2,412	63	81	324	516	126	7,011	8,926	16,903
DE	432	18	18	59	94	23	1,275	1,621	3,072
DC	126	27	0	19	30	8	406	510	973
FL	13,851	2,016	747	2,068	3,249	821	43,994	55,567	105,699
GA	4,626	63	90	609	971	236	13,224	16,846	31,886
HI	1,026	27	36	138	220	54	2,985	3,801	7,198
ID	1,035	36	45	141	225	55	3,043	3,873	7,337
IL	8,019	387	288	1,098	1,745	430	23,690	30,114	57,077
IN	5,148	189	360	714	1,137	281	15,380	19,590	37,102
IA	3,843	117	99	515	820	201	11,154	14,193	26,883
KS	2,736	81	45	364	581	141	7,894	10,043	19,023
KY	2,826	99	135	386	615	151	8,330	10,604	20,086
LA	2,043	9	18	265	423	102	5,742	8,634	15,166
ME	1,332	36	81	182	292	72	3,934	5,013	9,493
MD	2,169	90	54	293	467	114	6,339	8,059	15,272
MA	4,293	126	342	595	949	235	12,832	16,359	30,970
MI	10,098	522	396	1,390	2,207	544	29,955	38,072	72,168
MN	4,212	450	351	622	983	248	13,260	16,810	31,923
MS	1,881	0	54	246	393	96	5,355	6,832	12,922
MO	3,456	63	117	461	736	180	9,993	12,732	24,102
MT	864	0	45	115	183	45	2,493	3,183	6,019
NE	1,710	144	117	246	390	97	5,265	6,682	12,680
NV	801	45	9	109	173	42	2,346	2,978	5,648
NH	1,089	45	126	156	250	62	3,345	4,266	8,079
NJ	3,834	162	171	525	835	206	11,336	14,421	27,323
NM	1,053	27	36	141	225	55	3,061	3,897	7,379
NY	10,170	576	468	1,411	2,241	554	30,382	38,610	73,198
NC	7,326	144	189	974	1,552	379	21,106	26,881	50,892
ND	981	45	27	133	213	52	2,880	3,661	6,939
OH	9,702	567	405	1,345	2,135	528	28,950	36,780	69,738
OK	2,268	27	27	297	474	115	6,448	8,213	15,547
OR	1,764	234	99	261	410	104	5,564	7,035	13,374
PA	8,910	315	477	1,221	1,945	479	26,354	33,553	63,552
RI	675	0	27	89	143	35	1,934	2,469	4,670
SC	4,833	63	171	643	1,025	250	13,937	17,765	33,620
SD	1,089	36	18	146	232	57	3,150	4,006	7,591
TN	3,312	36	54	434	692	168	9,433	12,018	22,745
TX	10,350	162	297	1,374	2,192	534	29,786	37,951	71,837
UT	1,152	54	81	161	257	64	3,465	4,411	8,358
VT	765	27	18	103	163	40	2,225	2,830	5,361
VA	3,807	72	99	506	806	197	10,964	13,964	26,437
WA	2,871	198	234	411	652	163	8,815	11,205	21,246
WV	1,341	45	99	186	297	73	4,006	5,105	9,667
WI	5,121	252	288	711	1,129	280	15,310	19,473	36,903
WY	630	9	0	82	131	32	1,782	2,268	4,295
Total	183,168	9,882	8,163	25,340	40,247	9,944	545,770	694,984	1,316,285

^a Estimates of acreage based on the median dimensions of turfgrass areas on golf courses (Table 4) and the distribution of the types of golf course holes by state (Table 3).
^b The distribution of golf course holes (Table 3) is available from estimates of the number of regulation (Reg.), executive (Exec.), and Par-3 holes (National Golf Foundation 1991)

Table 6. Annual expenditures: Core vs. Occasional Golfers.

Item	Average Expenditure*	
	Core	Occasional
Clubs		
Woods	\$141.10	\$101.05
Irons	225.22	124.77
Putters	46.20	41.34
Other Equipment		
Bags	68.77	60.46
Balls	67.25	36.62
Gloves	30.84	12.09
Pull Carts	46.00	42.55
Shoes	60.83	50.27
Umbrellas	23.60	17.07
Fees		
Green Fees/Public Courses	243.17	97.52
Guest Fees/Private Courses	130.17	54.16
Cart Rental	206.69	57.06
Pull Cart Rental	22.42	8.53
Caddy Fees	228.45	27.54
Initiation Fees	908.26	51.78
Annual Dues	797.59	304.20
Totals	\$3,246.56	\$1,087.01

*National Golf Association Report (1992) of expenditures made by core and occasional golfers in 1989.

maintenance budgets.

In 1992, average payroll climbed to \$15,888 per hole while payroll taxes and benefits increased to \$3,610 per hole. Rising personnel costs, which totaled 63 cents of every maintenance dollar, pushed the nationwide maintenance cost per golf hole to \$30,870. This increase continues a 20-year trend during which maintenance costs have risen 500 percent.

An estimate of the economic impact of golf

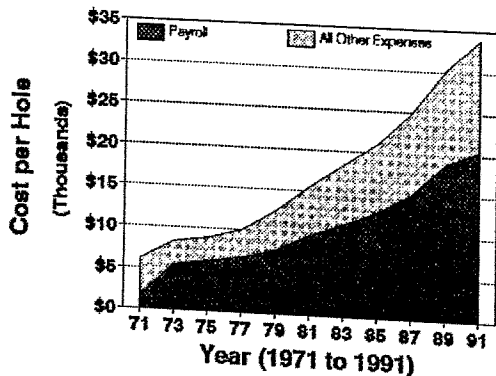


Figure 1. Increase in golf course maintenance costs from 1971 to 1991.

course maintenance for the United States is \$6.2 billion. This figure is the total number of regulation, executive, and par-3 golf holes (201,213) and the average maintenance cost per hole (\$30,870). Even though this figure approximates the amount spent on golf course maintenance, it closely corresponds with the estimated \$6.6 billion spent annually by core and occasional golfers on green and guest fees. A 1982 estimate of turfgrass maintenance costs on golf courses, prepared by the University of California, suggested an annual expense of \$1.5 billion as compared to a 1985 NGF/GCSAA estimate of \$1.7 billion.

Table 7. Golf course maintenance costs by region.

Item	East	South	Mid-west	West	Average
Payroll	14,959	15,291	12,303	18,781	15,888
Taxes Benefits	3,123	2,919	2,544	5,396	3,610
Supplies	5,761	6,097	5,423	6,043	5,904
Repairs	2,351	2,872	1,742	3,303	2,695
Other	1,797	3,142	1,518	4,422	2,733
Total	27,991	30,321	23,529	37,945	30,870

Source: Pannell Kerr Forster (1992)

Golf and the Environment

The establishment and culture of turfgrasses used on golf courses has become a well accepted practice in the United States. In addition to the enjoyment golf courses provide, they also serve as important soil and water conservation features in both urban and rural areas. The maintenance of quality turfgrass at the levels currently demanded by the public, however, requires intensive management of water, nutrients, and pests. As a result, potential environmental effects of these practices have become a public concern.

The major environmental concern from the 1930's through the 1950's involved soil and water conservation on agricultural land. The use of forage grasses and maintenance of turfgrass was one of the major soil and water conservation practices developed by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service to reduce soil erosion. In many urban areas, golf courses and other large turfgrass areas were incorporated into storm water management plans to stabilize the soil in areas prone to flooding.

By the 1960's, the primary environmental issue

focused on the pollution of water resources due to contamination by soil, nutrients, and chlorinated organic pesticides. Agricultural, forestry and urban areas were identified as potential sources of chemical and sediment losses. Eutrophication of surface water, sedimentation of streams and lakes, introduction of persistent pesticides in the global food chain, and identification of high levels of nitrates in drinking water became important environmental issues.

In the 1970's, the focus of environmental research shifted from the identification of pollution problems to the development of management practices to mitigate nonpoint pollution from agricultural and urban areas. In addition to concerns about water quality, the increased use of water resources by agriculture, industry, and municipalities has led to shortages in many areas. In arid regions of the United States and in regions with periodic drought conditions, allocation of water for turfgrass irrigation has been a controversial policy issue.

Although consumption of water for turfgrass is relatively small compared to agricultural and industrial use, irrigation of golf facilities is highly visible and has been considered a luxury use by certain sectors of the public. The development of cultural practices to conserve water used in the management of golf courses, even in humid regions, became a critical research need during this period and was not being adequately addressed.

The USGA Decides to Become More Involved in Turfgrass Research

The original concept of the need for a national turfgrass research program to address the escalating maintenance costs and water use of golf courses was developed by A. M. Radko of the USGA Green Section and Dr. James B. Beard of Texas A&M University. The primary purpose of the program was to develop minimal maintenance turfgrasses to meet the future needs of golf. Emphasis was placed on the development of water conserving, salt-tolerant, cold and heat-tolerant, disease and insect resistant grasses having low nutritional requirements.

Never before had such an intensive and extensive turfgrass research program been undertaken. In January 1982, William Bengeyfield, national director of the Green Section, chaired the newly formed Turfgrass Research Committee to help guide the USGA's multi-million dollar

turfgrass research program for a span of ten years or more (Table 8). "We believe this will develop into one of our most important undertakings," said Harry W. Easterly, Jr., who, in 1982, was the Senior Executive Director of the USGA. "In time, the research program developed by this Committee could lead to major breakthroughs in all phases of turfgrass maintenance ..." The Committee's entire purpose was to establish a sound program, closely follow its progress, and achieve the proposed objectives.

The Committee has successfully brought a greater sense of direction, cost effectiveness, and concentration to vital areas of turfgrass research

Table 8. Research Committee Members

Raymond Anderson 1990 - 1992	Howard Kaerwer 1987 - 1992
George M. Bard 1983 - 1989	Dr. Michael P. Kenna 1988 - 1992
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Rees Jones 1990 - 1992	Dr. James R. Watson 1983 - 1992

for golf. The Committee successfully established specific agreements, reduced indirect costs to 16 percent, monitored expenditures, set expectations, ensured proper progress and was accountable to those providing funds.

In the spring of 1982, turfgrass researchers throughout the nation were invited to express their views and interests in research needs. Gradually, a long range plan evolved from the Committee's work, objectives were established and guidelines were carefully drawn. The Committee also initiated plans for developing a computerized reference source for published turfgrass literature, and for improving germplasm for future turfgrass breeding projects. The computerized reference source has become the Turfgrass Information File, or TGIF, located at Michigan State University. The effort to support germplasm development led to successful expeditions to Asia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom, and to cooperative research in New Zealand.

Fund Raising

The USGA Fund-Raising Campaign, inaugurated in 1983 to raise funds for research, moved into full swing through the efforts of B. P. "Bobby" Russell, Chairman of the USGA Capital Campaign, and Donald L. Spencer, USGA Foundation and Membership. After reading the article, "The Search for Better Grasses" by the late Dr. Victor B. Youngner, Bobby Russell wrote a letter to Harry Easterly and suggested a simple plan that could raise significant funding for turfgrass research. The idea was to have all golfers at USGA Member Clubs contribute \$1 a year for each year of the ten-year USGA Turfgrass Research Program. Baltusrol Golf Club, where Bobby Russell is a member, passed a resolution endorsing the concept and committed \$1,000 per year for the Turfgrass Research Program.

Golf course superintendents, green committee chairman and the boards of directors for clubs across the United States were asked to solicit their clubs to contribute to the USGA Turfgrass Research program following the example of Bobby Russell and Baltusrol Golf Club. A special plea was directed toward golf course superintendents to help "get the ball rolling."

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, through Research Committee member Jim Prusa, then Assistant Executive Director of GCSAA, helped the fund raising effort and initiated a spirit of cooperation between the USGA

and GCSAA to accelerate the turfgrass research efforts. The cooperative effort was based on the premise that for any business, including the maintenance of golf courses, to be successful, individuals and organizations must believe in something larger than themselves. A common bond grew between the GCSAA and USGA Green Section and it was agreed to work together to support a national turfgrass program.

Over the last ten years, the "Honor Roll" of donors to the USGA Capital Campaign has listed many contributions made through the direct efforts of the club's golf course superintendent. The response of USGA Member Club officials, the GCSAA and, most important, individual golfers and golf course superintendents, demonstrated the widespread support of a national turfgrass research program to provide minimal maintenance turfgrasses. Because of the support from these organizations and individuals, the USGA/GCSAA Turfgrass Research Program has been successful.

Table 9. The Honor Roll - List of Donors to the USGA/GCSAA Turfgrass Research Program

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