

## Keep Searching for the Facts

This is my last issue as managing editor of TurfGrass TRENDS. It seems strange that this fill-in job for Maria Haber turned into a four-year project. But I happen to find turf research very interesting and have enjoyed every minute.

The people behind TGT are unique. Founder Chris Sann is still active and participates in article acquisition and all conference calls. His mind is still full of ideas only a hard-core turfie could devise. Many times we have talked on the phone when it's 1 am in Maryland (where he is) and 10 pm out here in California. He reminds me of other Mid-Atlantic geniuses like Fred Grau, Tom Mascaro and Eb Steinegger.

Maria Haber, the second owner, is busy with Washington, DC real estate, but she still keeps in touch. The authors, especially Dick Hull, Pat Vittum and Rick Brandenburg are wonderful people and great writers. They believe in the concept of TGT. Maria had a lot to do with building that commitment.

Your new editor is Curt Harler, an ag journalist like me. In fact, we both started out as punks at Harvest Publishing in the 1970s. Harvest is now Advanstar, after more than one metamorphosis. Curt

resides in Pennsylvania today and telecommutes.

Thanks for putting up with me. I hope some of the things I did made research reports more interesting. Remember, if you don't have the facts, there is always some place you can find them. You just have to make the effort to look. TGT is intended to make your search easier.

— Bruce Shank

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