
JB VISITATIONS:

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada - September

Presented an all-day seminar on "Modern Turfgrass Developments" and a keynote address at the Fall Research Days sponsored by the Atlantic Golf Superintendents Association. This organization has evolved to the point where they are raising funds to support turfgrass research in the Atlantic Provinces region. In addition, they recently arranged for the donation of materials and provided the skilled labor for construction of an experimental putting green at Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Nova Scotia.

San Antonio, Texas, USA - October

Presented a two-hour seminar before the American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting on "Xeriscaping - What About Turfgrasses?" Throughout most of the conference the speakers were making negative comments about turfgrasses. The advocates of this philosophy intertwine unsubstantiated accusations and claims that are attributed to pseudo-scientists to justify their position. It was a challenge to give a science-based, factual presentation which in fact created a very pleasant response from those in attendance.

Westwood, California, USA - October

Presented a talk on "Turf-Soil Compaction and Prevention" before the West Coast Sports Turf Managers Association held on the UCLA campus. The program had a very unique and interesting mix alternating speakers between a turfgrass specialist and a coach of a team sport played on turfgrass at the university. Participant safety and quality of play as affected by the turfed surface, or lack thereof, were consistently mentioned by the coaches.

Roma, Torino, and Milano, Italy - October

The primary activity was providing technical assistance for ongoing investigations of bentgrass cultivars and fertility programs being conducted on an experimental putting green in Torino, Italy. The summer of 1994 was characterized by an extensive attack of Pythium blight throughout northern Italy. As Pythium rarely occurs in this region, few golf courses were stocked with the appropriate fungicide for immediate treatment. Thus, the extent of turf injury was considerable.

UPCOMING JB VISITATIONS:

Provided for Institute Affiliates who might wish to request a visitation when I'm nearby.

- Nov. 11 to 12 - Phoenix, Arizona, USA.
- Nov. 13 to 16 - ASA, Seattle, Washington.
- Nov. 17 to 12 - Reims and Paris, France
- Dec. 4 to 7 - ASTM, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Dec. 8 to 9 - Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.
- Dec. 9 to 11 - Dayton/Greenville, Ohio.
- Dec. 12 to 16 - New York, N.Y., USA.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

November 13 to 18, 1994. Annual Meeting of the C-5 Turfgrass Division of the Crop Science Society and the American Society of Agronomy. Seattle, Washington, USA. Approximately 100 scientific papers on research conducted with turfgrasses will be presented at 15-minute intervals. Also, a symposium on a selected topic will be presented along with the annual meeting of the Turfgrass Division and a field tour of local turf facilities.

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