

Grab Bag

A last look back

The year was 1966. The occasion, the founding of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation. The Foundation is named for Professor H. Burton Musser, a turfgrass pioneer at Penn State University for 40 years. Founders include, clockwise from top right: Joe Duich; Fred Grau; Warren Bidwell; Al Wilson and Eb Steinegger. All were major contributors to the green industry, and Duich remains active with Tee-2-Green/Turf Seed, Inc. The non-profit foundation continues as a leading promoter of green industry research and development. "The foundation that bears Musser's name is dedicated to promoting the same kind of pioneering individual," says foundation President Frank Dobie, Sharon CC, Sharon Center, Ohio.



Timeline: 'interest' in bentgrass fairways

"There has been increasing interest in creeping bentgrass as fairway turf. The increased interest has been mainly caused by a greater use of fairway irrigation; improvement in equipment; a trend toward lower cutting heights for fairways and development of varieties bred especially for golf courses, such as Emerald and Penncross...Bentgrasses can make excellent fairways."

—DR. JOHNNY R. THOMAS, RESEARCH DIRECTOR, NORTH AMERICAN PLANT BREEDERS; WEEDS, TREES & TURF, JANUARY, 1974

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"We're in the midst of a national chemical scare!"

—DR. ALLEN FELSOT, PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENTOMOLOGY, UNIV. OF ILL., 1986.

Turf managers are 'resourceful' folks

Professional turf managers will be more important as the turf industry faces higher energy costs and a lower supply of water—and they can command higher salaries, said Dr. James Beard at the Nebraska Turfgrass Conference and Show.

—WEEDS, TREES & TURF, MARCH, 1981