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IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE WEST

Office Location in Southern California

May we call your attention to the following change of address for the Western Office, and suggest that you change your mailing list accordingly.

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1709 WEST EIGHTH STREET
LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA

Many will recognize that the above address belongs to the Southern California Golf Association. Indeed this is, and will continue to be the case. We are indeed fortunate and happy to report that the SCGA has graciously offered office space to expedite Regional Turf Service in the West. Not only will it accomplish this end, but also it should lessen costs of operation and permit the Green Section staff to provide even greater service to its member clubs than has been possible in the past.

Regardless of their location, clubs still will receive a full half day visit and written report concerning turfgrass conditions. The new headquarters which will effectively cut down on the time formerly used to travel to and from Southern California will be utilized for occasional spot checks or follow up visits at no extra cost to participating clubs. Thus, the change will be of direct benefit to courses in the North and East of the Western territory as well as in Southern California.

Meet Your New Western Director

William H. Bengueyfield is the USGA's choice to become Western Director of the Green Section on July 1, when the office is moved to Southern California. We might add, that a better choice would be hard to find, and we know that member clubs, other turfgrass interests

and Experiment Station scientists will like "Bill" fully as much as we do.

Bill comes to the West excellently equipped to consult with our member clubs about their turfgrass problems. His educational, research and field service background include a degree from the College of Agriculture at Cornell University, County Agent work in Westchester, New York, and Green Section service as an agronomist working out of our Southwestern, Southeastern, Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic offices. In addition, he has had practical experience working on golf courses, and by the time the change is made will have had an opportunity to visit most of the clubs in the West to become acquainted with their turf management programs.

Present Western Director Resigns

Also effective July 1, your Western Director for the last three years will resign from the United States Golf Association to accept a position as agronomist with the Sewerage Commission of the City of Milwaukee. With the Sewerage Commission I will continue to remain active in the turf management field on a national scale, and thus look forward to renewing pleasurable contacts when I travel West to attend turfgrass conferences.

Based on the Green Section program's acceptance in the West, the USGA Executive Committee has established four additional regional offices throughout the country. The present Green Section offices now service USGA clubs in 35 states and the District of Columbia. Thus, our Western courses can indeed take pride in knowing that their pioneering support of a now and untried program resulted in its establishment in other areas. Possibly this is the first time in the history of our nation that something started in the West first, and then moved East.

MORE ABOUT WATER

Drought Tolerance or Resistance -- Is There a Difference?

In talking the matter over with Dr. R. M. Hagan, Irrigation, University of California at Davis, it would seem that there is indeed a difference between drought tolerance and drought resistance. According to Bob, knowledge of this difference might well govern your choice of grasses for planting purposes, although research investigations sponsored by the Green Section may indicate that some of our turfgrasses have the admirable quality of being both tolerant and resistant to drought.

In a nutshell, drought tolerance relates to the depth of rooting or deep water foraging qualities of grasses like bermuda and tall fescue on uniform soils, whereas resistance relates to the structure of a grass like red fescue which enables it to go for long periods after wilting has occurred and still revive with an irrigation.



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