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## TIC Endowment Campaign Underway: USGA Leads the Way

**T**he United States Golf Association (USGA) has announced that it will contribute \$1 million over five years as the kickoff contributor to the TIC Endowment Campaign.

From the inception of TIC in 1982 through 1992, the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program partnered with the MSU Libraries to establish and expand the database. Since 1992, most of the funding for TIC has come from Michigan State University and from TIC subscribers. The MSU Library has now established the campaign to raise \$5 million, which includes the \$1 million contributed by the USGA.

Clifford H. Haka, the Director of Libraries at MSU said, "The World Wide Web now makes the delivery of the information accessible throughout the world. This valuable gift from the USGA points to the day when the TIC will be universally available."

Contributions made will fund the endowment. The annual interest generated by the principle, which will remain untouched, will provide for the ongoing operation costs of the Turfgrass Information Center. This will make TIC less dependent on fluctuations in State and/or University support. Also, the funds will provide for the following enhancements:

- **Additional Electronic Access to Full Text of Articles.** Unless an item has been loaded onto the World Wide Web, users interested in reading the entire item typically need to request a copy from the MSU Libraries or some other provider. The endowment supports the addition of entire articles to be loaded with the publisher's and/or copyright holder's approval.
- **Expanded World-Wide Access to the Turfgrass Information Files.** Currently the databases are only available on a subscription basis, except at the TIC facility. Funds from the endowment will allow open access to the files for all users at no charge.
- **Added Coverage.** Another objective is to expand the body of literature that is covered by the databases. Turf managers are required to engage in a wider variety of management decisions including: land management issues, habitat management, land restoration, water quality and safety issues. The increased funding will allow for the database to provide a fuller representation of publications either in print or electronically.

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Number of Records now in TGIF: 78,000+  
Number of Magazines and other  
Periodicals Tracked: 460

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## Endowment Campaign (Continued from Page 1)

The campaign will provide the financial resources to ensure the ongoing operation of the Turfgrass Information Center. The continuation of the Center is critical for the following reasons:

✎ TIC activities can continue a 35+-year effort to collect, inventory and provide access to literature of turf science and turf culture, with TGIF serving as the *only* bibliographic database that exclusively targets these areas.

✎ TIC directly supports turfgrass research. Most turfgrass scholars depend on TGIF as their primary resource for identifying turf-related literature of the past and present.

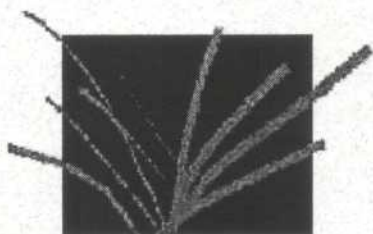
✎ TIC and TGIF directly support improved turf education, including certificate, technical, undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs for professionals, such as golf course superintendents.

✎ TGIF provides access to better information, which translates to more effective management of turf facilities, whether athletic fields, golf courses or other managed landscapes.

The bottom line is that in an era of increasingly restricted chemical use and water availability, a wider range of techniques and tools will be needed by managers to respond to the expectations of users. TIC is the vehicle by which the information required to support research, education and management is made available for all these efforts. Without your support, there is a risk that this established and essential resource could disappear. Support the campaign to endow the Turfgrass Information Center and help guarantee the continuation and expansion of the informational underpinning for the world of turf management.

Please Support the  
Endowment Campaign Today!

See the enclosed brochure for further information.



**Turfgrass**  
Information Center

We need your help contacting potential donors to the campaign. Please make referrals.

## ASGCA Foundation Pledges \$20,000

The American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) Foundation has pledged \$20,000 to the Turfgrass Information Center Endowment Campaign.

The ASGCA Foundation is dedicated to the advancement of research about golf courses and their design, and the distribution of that information to individuals and communities interested in planning green space for recreational purposes. ASGCA has demonstrated their commitment to attracting new players to the game and enhancing the beauty and virtues of golf.

Donald Ross, Robert Trent Jones, Sr., and twelve other leading golf course designers founded the ASGCA in 1946. The ASGCA currently has 150 golf course architect members located throughout the United States and Canada. Each member is involved with designing new courses and renovating existing layouts, as well as being knowledgeable about issues affecting the future of the game.

Foundation Chairman Don Knott said, "ASGCA members have long recognized the value of the Turfgrass Information Center in providing helpful materials on turf research, culture, and monitoring projects. Our board felt that it was important for the major golf associations to support this superb database, and we have done that with our \$20,000 contribution."

TIC also hopes to develop cooperative activities with the ASGCA relating to materials and resources of particular interest to the golf course design process.

## Preserving the Noer Collection

Significant blocks of the turfgrass printed material in the Noer Collection were temporarily off the shelf as part of an ongoing deacidification process of the Noer Collection.

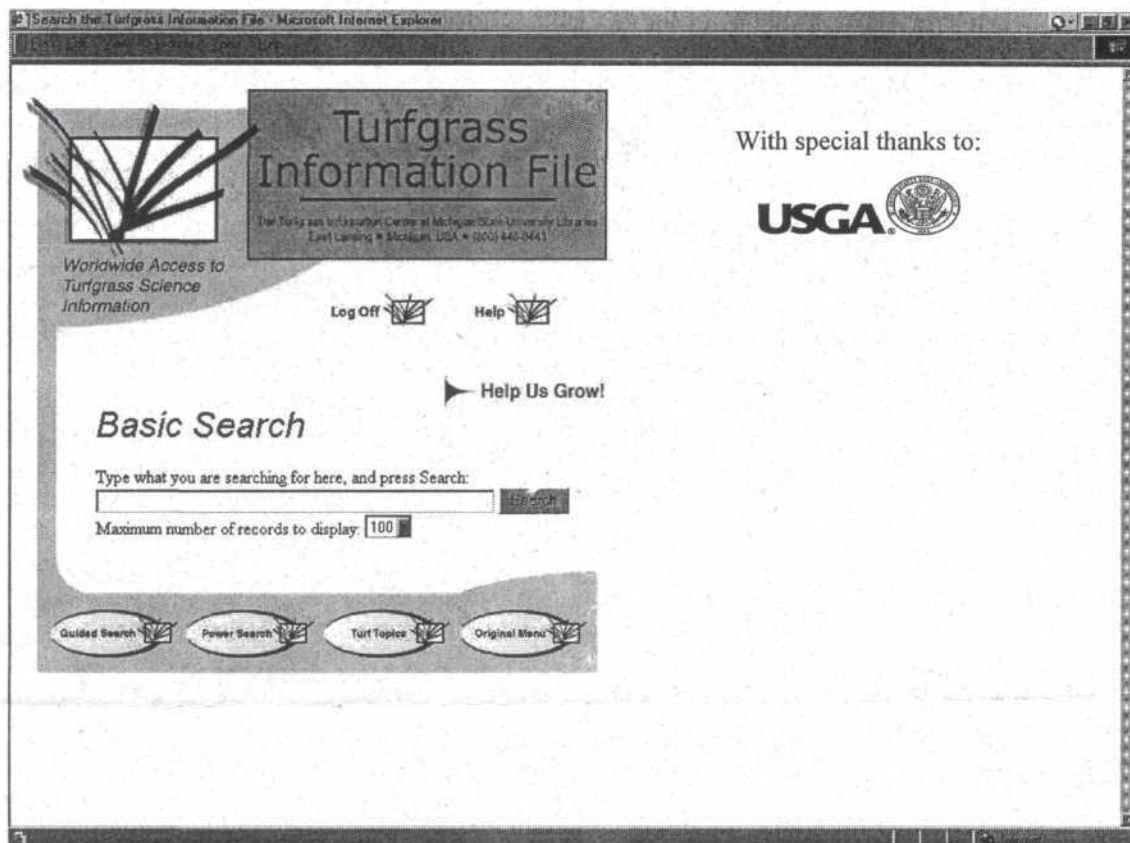
The effort, which requires off-site contract processing, will stabilize the pH of acidic papers, which are subject to gradual deterioration if left as they are.

"Mass deacidification is a tool that many librarians and archivists had anticipated could be used to help combat the serious problem of the acidic collections in the nation's libraries and archives."

"We are pleased that the library has designated the Noer Collection as one of the highest priority collections for this processing in the building," said Pete Cookingham.

Source: *An Evaluation of the Bookkeeper Mass Deacidification Process*,  
<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/lc/massdeac/bookkeep.html>  
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## Introducing... the New *Basic Search*



We are pleased to announce the availability of the *NEW Basic Search* for TGIF!

We think that this new alternative will help you get to the resources you need more quickly and easily. The **Basic Search** works similar to the web search engines like Google, Yahoo, or Excite.

**Basic Search** is easy to use: search your interests, but try to keep it simple; for example, "Poa annua seedhead suppression," "White grub control," "Algae control in ponds," or "Zoysia sprigging."

In addition, the old **General Search**, **Search TGIF by Subject**, and **Search TGIF by Author Name(s)** have all been replaced by a single search screen called **Guided Search**. This alternative allows you to search by subject and/or author, to combine searches, and to refine your searches by publication date, item type, etc. by filling in blanks and checking check boxes. You can even search only for material published by the USGA if you wish.

**Power Search**, for experienced searchers, is still available and provides the ability to search using field limiters, Boolean operators, truncation, etc.

In case you prefer to use the old familiar menu, it is still available for a limited time by pressing **Original Menu**.

Another change is that all questions and answers previously available within the USGA TurfTwisters database are now found within TGIF itself. Search for TurfTwisters results just as you did in the past, either in the **Basic Search** or the **Guided Search**, or now, for the first time, in **Power Search**.

Keep in mind; TGIF is an extensive database of over 78,000 records, pointing to both online and printed publications. Not every record in TGIF will appear as a full-text article.

Go to <http://www.lib.msu.edu/tgif> and click **Search Now!**

Special thanks to Ms. Everyl Yankee and Mr. John Wylie for their volunteer contributions on several of the new TIC online features regarding usability and graphics, respectively.

## New to the Online System...

A new biweekly feature has been added to TIC's homepage. It is entitled "This Week's Feature" and was added to the online system this past summer. "This Week's Feature" has included topics such as: Drought, Lawn tennis, Tree Politics, the Stimpmeter, Turf Use and the Disabled, Rooftop Turf, Lyme Disease, and Winter Play.

"This Week's Feature" is a customized search on one topic and can show new web visitors what TIC has to offer for them. Most of the records pertaining to that topic are shown in full record detail and links are given to a full-text website, if available. Many of the previously featured topics are archived as "Turf Topics." The Topics are a fast way to get information about specific issues without having to do the search yourself.

## New Turf TOPICS

The TOPICS series is intended to act like a "TOP 100" search list, using a browsing format to present the choices. There are currently about 100 of these topics available. Recent additions to the series include:

- Bentgrasses – new generation cultivars
- Disasters at turf facilities
- Landfill golf courses
- Lawn tennis courts
- Methyl bromide
- Tree Politics

During this past summer Dr. Douglas Hawes spent a week at TIC volunteering as a guest editor. Several of the revised Turf Topics have benefited from his reviewing and updating.

Many Thanks, Dr. Hawes.

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