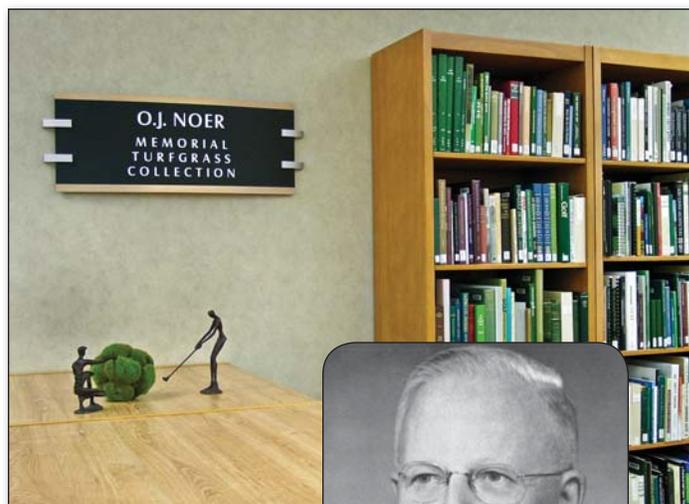


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Noer Foundation Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

TIC extends congratulations to the O.J. Noer Research Foundation upon the 50th Anniversary of its establishment. During that time, the Foundation has supported turfgrass research and graduate education at academic institutions throughout the USA. Created in 1958 by O.J. Noer's colleagues and friends, the Foundation is dedicated to financial support of scientific research in turfgrass. One early project of the Foundation was the establishment of the O.J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Collection at Michigan State University Libraries, a project which continues to grow fifty years later! We salute this all-volunteer organization that continues to work in support of better turf management, and thank them for their foresight in dedicating the Noer Collection for the public good.



For further information about the Noer Foundation, see:

<http://www.ojnoerfoundation.org/>; for further information about the O.J. Noer Collection see:

<http://tic.msu.edu/noer.html>.

The Box Score

Number of TGIF Records: **150,000+**

Number of turf-related theses and dissertations listed in TGIF, including **254** available in full-text form: **2,153**

2008 TIC online search total: **900,658**

TIC Separates TGIF Sessions

A "TGIF session" is the set of screens a user sees when logged in to the [TGIF database](#). TIC has now implemented a separation of TGIF sessions: "*group*" users (including people at academic institutions and organizations) versus individuals logging in with their own user name and password. This enables customization of features for these two types of TGIF users. For instance, group users will now see information directing them to utilize their local [Interlibrary Loan Service](#) to request items instead of TIC's [Document Delivery](#) service. TGIF sessions by individual users and designated sub-accounts at academic institutions as well as corporate subscribers will continue to have a link to utilize the above-mentioned extra-cost services via TIC.

The 'Dig Deeper' check box

"Dig Deeper (Search full text)" is now available within the *The National Greenkeeper*, the *USGA Green Section Record*, and *Proceedings of the GCSAA Conference* (the latter is restricted access—via TGIF) archives. What is 'Dig Deeper'? It is a search feature within several of the TIC-hosted digital archive sites that allows searching of the **complete text** of the articles; not just the TGIF record's citation, abstract, and assigned keywords. For example, a search in *The National Greenkeeper* archive for "compost topdressing" (without the quotes and not clicking the 'Dig Deeper' box), will produce a search result of 23 records. By clicking the 'Dig Deeper' box, the result increases to 69 articles. The additional 46 records are from articles where the terms appear within the article, but not in the TGIF record for it.

The 'Dig Deeper' box now appears in six 'limiting interfaces' within TIC-hosted digital archive sites; besides the three new ones those include *The Golf Course*, *USGA Research Summaries*, and *USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online* (USGA TERO). It will continue to debut in additional limiting interfaces as we further load the text of such publications into the TGIF search engine (with publisher permission, of course). As one might imagine, this is also a substantial amount of additional work in the TGIF workflows—but it



certainly does increase the power and reach of the search engine substantially.

It is also worth noting that there is currently no 'Dig Deeper' box within TGIF itself. Because the six periodicals with such content so far, and others with such content 'under construction' represent a small part of the total records within TGIF, we don't want to introduce it until we are past some point of 'critical mass', where the differences across a very wide range of searches are visible and significant. We do, however, very much look forward to that day.

Journal Archives Online

Journal Online Archives Recently Launched

- *On Course/Bull Sheet* – cooperatively with the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAGCS)
- *The Golf Course* (Published by Peterson, Sinclair & Miller Inc., in conjunction with Carter's Tested Seeds, Inc.) – cooperatively with GCSAA and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL)

Now Under Construction

- *The Grass Roots* – cooperatively with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association (WGCSA)
- *SportsTurf* – cooperatively with the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA)
- *Greenkeepers* – cooperatively with the Asociación Española de Greenkeepers (AEdG)
- *Proceedings of the Michigan Turfgrass Conference* (under revision & expansion)

Forthcoming

- *CUTT* – cooperatively with Cornell Cooperative Extension
- *Sports Turf Manager* – cooperatively with the Sports Turf Association (STA)

We welcome and seek additional digitization candidates and cooperators. What content would you like to see? Email Pete Cookingham (cooking1@msu.edu) to discuss your ideas!

New Publicly-Available Digital Archives

On Course / The Bull Sheet

On Course, created in 1948 and originally named *The Bull Sheet*, is the official publication of the [Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents \(MAGCS\)](#).

MAGCS was founded in 1926 by a small group of Chicago area “Greenkeepers” and has progressed over time to include a membership of 800 individuals, representing close to 300 golf courses in the greater Chicago metropolitan area.

The organization’s award winning monthly magazine, *On Course*, is mailed to over 950 paid and controlled subscribers and features current golf course management topics and association activities. *On Course* is dedicated to disseminating scientific and practical knowledge pertaining to golf turf maintenance, documenting the activities of the association, and enhancing the professional stature of the association’s members.

Furthermore, the magazine features articles penned by golf course superintendents for superintendents on integrated pest and plant management, problem solving techniques, safety regulations, equipment maintenance, and more.

On Course also features a section on equipment for the growing equipment technician group, not to mention contributions by many other industry professionals. Each issue provides the reader the opportunity to learn about MAGCS, current events, individual members, and various aspects of the golf course profession.

This archive, an ongoing cooperative project of MAGCS and the Michigan State University Libraries, features *On Course / The Bull Sheet* content

from 1948 to the present. The current and prior calendar year publications are [publicly-accessible](#) however, all previous years are available to only [MAGCS members](#) and [TGIF users](#).

The Golf Course

The Golf Course was launched with great intentions as a monthly technical service bulletin aimed at “the Green Committees of America”. It was issued beginning in January, 1916, by Peterson, Sinclair & Miller, Inc., of New York, “in conjunction with Carter’s Tested Seeds, Inc.”, the UK firm which dominated much of the turf-service industry of Britain through the first half of the 20th century.

The Golf Course hoped to fill a growing technical information need, launched as it was just prior to Piper & Oakley’s groundbreaking 1917 book *Turf for Golf Courses*, and in advance of the USGA Green Section’s eventual launch in February of 1921 of the *Bulletin of the Green Section of the US Golf Association*.

The Golf Course attracted writers who

wrote topics well beyond the perhaps-expected domain of a typical commercial house organ. Architect A. W. Tillinghast along with builder/greenkeeper (and writer) Peter Lees regularly contributed to the publication. Several other firms placed advertisements and all supported Peterson, Sinclair & Miller’s golf course construction business in one way or another.

This historic content has now been made available through the cooperative efforts of TIC, the [Center for Research Libraries](#) and the [Golf Course Superintendents Association of America](#). We thank those organizations for making originals of this material available for digitization purposes.



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Turfgrass Extension and Research Bulletins in TGIF

As a part of continuing efforts to extend the reach and coverage of TGIF back into the past, older turfgrass bulletins issued throughout the USA at the state level are increasingly showing up in TGIF. The effort, funded through 2008 by the Toro Foundation, will ultimately mean that TGIF indexes both current and past turfgrass publications as exhaustively as possible.

These bulletins, issued either by the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) or the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) within each state, and concurrently with the federal United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), covered the range of both popular and professional turf culture. Most CES materials recommended best management practices for lawn and sports turf care on a localized basis, while the AES bulletins generally reported original research results or

reviewed the current knowledge on a pest, weed, disease, species, or cultural practice. They were issued over a 100+ year period, generally within series of various titles, including 'circulars', 'bulletins', 'special publications', 'leaflets', 'fact sheets', etc. Most have now migrated to digital formats.

A sample list of such items within TGIF, published between 1903-1960, is available at: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/cgi-bin/flinkss.pl?srch=EXTPUBSSAMPLE>. They are sorted by year of publication, with the oldest items at the end of the list.

Having been widely distributed at the time of their release, these items are small and easily lost over time. Few have been digitized, but a number of states have programs underway to make these historic materials available online, and we will link to those when and as we become aware of those efforts.

Retrieved 122 Record(s).

Item is a	Title - Items linked where available (Items may require software - see More Detail)	Author(s) and Source	More Detail	TGIF #
Booklet	<i>Floratine St. Augustinegrass: A New Variety for Ornamental Turf</i>	Nutter, Gene C. 1960. Gainesville: University of Florida. 12 pp.	click here	58713
Booklet	<i>Better Lawns for Oklahoma</i>	Garrett, J. C. 1960. [Stillwater, Oklahoma]; Oklahoma State University Extension Service. 23 pp.	click here	108034
Booklet	<i>Making A New Lawn</i>	Tyson, James. 1960. East Lansing, Michigan: Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. 8 panels.	click here	108687
Booklet	<i>Care of an Established Lawn</i>	Tyson, James. 1960. East Lansing, Michigan: Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. 8 leaves.	click here	108806