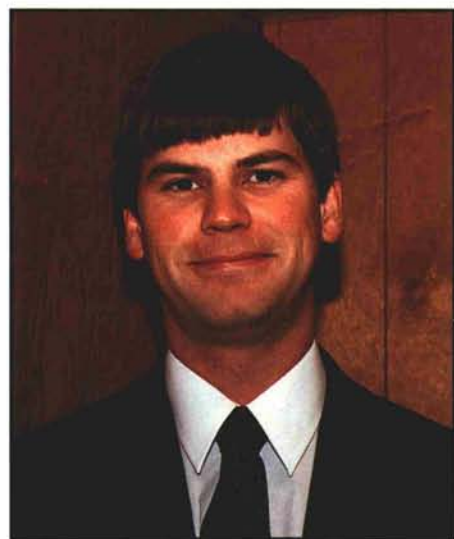


Matt Nelson Replaces Bob Senseman in the Northeast

The Green Section is pleased to announce that Matthew C. (Matt) Nelson has accepted the position of agronomist with the Northeastern Region. He will be located in the region's main office in Easton, Pennsylvania, working with Regional Director David Oatis and Agronomist Jim Skorulski. He will conduct Turf Advisory Service visits in the North-



Matthew C. (Matt) Nelson

east, with the majority of his time concentrated in New York and New Jersey.

Matt most recently has worked toward securing his Master of Science degree in Turfgrass Science at Washington State University, in Pullman, Washington. His duties included service as a research/teaching assistant where he helped with turfgrass research projects and taught the lab for the turf management class.

A native of Whitefish, Montana, Matt attended Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in both Biology and Environmental Science. He has served on the greenkeeping staffs of several golf courses, including Whitefish Lake Golf Club in his hometown of Whitefish.

The Green Section extends a warm welcome to Matt. The golf courses in the Northeastern Region will surely benefit from his knowledge and enthusiasm.

Bob Senseman, who served as agronomist for the Northeastern Region of the Green Section since February of 1994, has left the staff to return to the Pacific Northwest as the golf course superintendent at Oswego Lake Country Club in Lake Oswego, Oregon. The Green Section thanks him for all his fine work on the USGA's behalf, and wishes him all the best in his new duties in Oregon.

USGA Receives Award

Renew America, a Washington, D.C.-based network of community groups, environmental organizations,

businesses, government leaders, and civic activists involved in environmental improvement, has selected the USGA to receive its Certificate of Environmental Achievement. The USGA will be listed in Renew America's 1996 **Environmental Success Index**, a compilation of over 1,600 outstanding environmental programs from around the country. Before being included in the Index, programs such as those sponsored by the USGA must undergo a rigorous verification process, including community references, review by state and local experts, and careful screening by the National Awards Council for Environmental Sustainability, a coalition of 60 environmental organizations coordinated by Renew America.

Monty Moncrief, Southeastern Region Director from 1960 to 1982, was honored posthumously with the Georgia Turfgrass Association's Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame Award. Monty's wife, Mrs. Joy Moncrief, was on hand at the Georgia Turfgrass Conference and Show, December 13, 1995, to accept the award from Doug Moody (middle), Executive Director of the Georgia Turfgrass Association, and Patrick O'Brien, USGA Green Section Southeastern Region Director. Monty visited more than 5,000 golf courses from the Carolinas to Arizona during his 22 years on the USGA staff. His expert eyes first detected "Tifdwarf" bermudagrass, a variety that is still the predominant putting green grass used on southern golf courses.

