



Members of the British Association of Golf Course Architects paid a visit to Golf House in early October to visit with members of the Green Section staff over a two-day period. Among the topics discussed were green construction methods, the cost of golf course construction, environmental issues, and liability concerns. Representatives from Belgium, Holland, Iceland, Spain, and the U.K. gave presentations about how golf is expanding in their countries. The BAGCA is in the process of developing guidelines for golfer safety as it relates to course design and construction, a topic of interest to the golf industry worldwide. BAGCA members are seen enjoying a tour of the Somerset Hills Golf Club in Bernardsville, N.J.



The on-site variety testing program, a cooperative venture among the USGA, GCSAA, and NTEP (National Turf Evaluation Program) is in full swing. Dr. Tony Koski, turfgrass specialist at Colorado State University, is pictured establishing three plots each of 18 different creeping bentgrass cultivars at the Fox Hollow Golf Course in Lakewood, Colorado. A total of 16 golf courses nationwide are participating in this five-year study, in which the performance of new bentgrass and bermudagrass cultivars will be evaluated under actual golf course conditions. The bentgrass plots were established during the fall of 1997, while the bermudagrass plots will be planted during the late spring of 1998.

Physical Soil Testing Laboratories*

The following laboratories are accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), having demonstrated ongoing competency in testing materials specified in the USGA's Recommendations for Putting Green Construction. The USGA recommends that only A2LA-accredited laboratories be used for testing and analyzing materials for building greens according to our guidelines.

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*Revised December 1997. Please contact the USGA Green Section (908-234-2300) for an updated list of accredited laboratories.

United States Golf Association Green Section Education Conference

Saturday, February 7, 1998, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim Room A1
Anaheim, California

Protect Your Investment — Protect Yourself

Moderator: James T. Snow, National Director, USGA Green Section

2:00 p.m. **Welcome**

Joe England, USGA Executive Committee

2:05 p.m. **The Best Turf Tips from the Green Section Staff**

David Oatis, Director, Northeastern Region
Bob Vavrek, Agronomist, North-Central Region
Darin Bevard, Agronomist, Mid-Atlantic Region
Paul Vermeulen, Director, Mid-Continent Region

2:25 p.m. **Swimming in Shark-Infested Waters**

Bo Links, USGA Green Section Committee
vs.

Michael Veron, USGA Sectional Affairs Committee

These two highly respected trial lawyers will debate issues of potential liability on golf courses. Spikeless shoes and other topics of interest will be discussed.

3:25 p.m. **More of the Best Turf Tips**

Pat Gross, Agronomist, Western Region
John Foy, Director, Florida Region
Brian Maloy, Agronomist, Mid-Continent Region
Jim Skorulski, Agronomist, Northeastern Region

3:45 p.m. **The Real Meaning of Success**

Jerry Schemmel

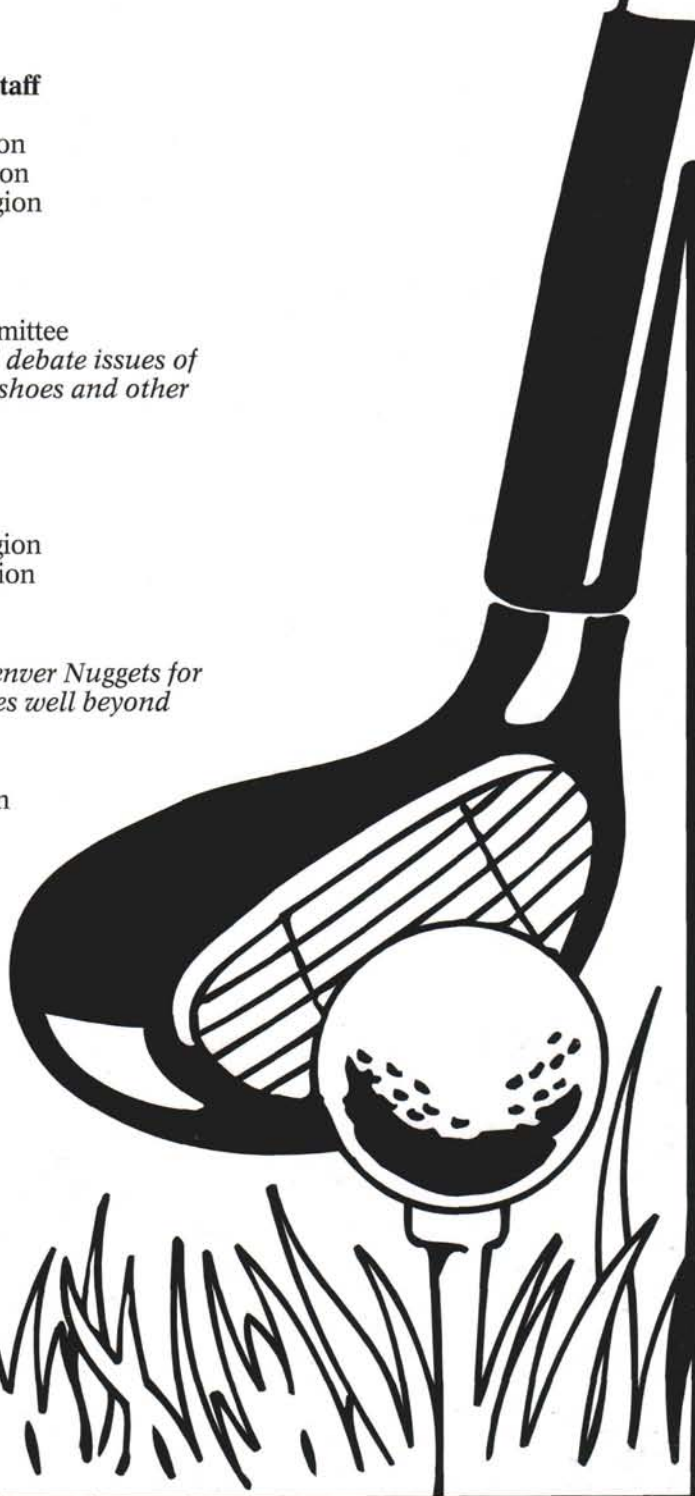
Jerry Schemmel has been the voice of the Denver Nuggets for the past six years. His message, however, goes well beyond life in the NBA.

4:30 p.m. **The Best Turf Tips Just Keep on Coming**

Keith Happ, Agronomist, Mid-Atlantic Region
Chris Hartwiger, Agronomist,
Florida and Southeastern Regions
Larry Gilhuly, Director, Western Region

4:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

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1998 USGA NATIONAL & REGIONAL CONFERENCES

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

February 7 Anaheim Convention Center Anaheim, California

FLORIDA REGION

April 20 Airport Marriott Orlando, Florida
 April 23 Palm Beach Gardens Marriott Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

March 17 Dupont Country Club Wilmington, Delaware

MID-CONTINENT REGION

March 10 TBA St. Louis, Missouri
 March 11 TBA Omaha, Nebraska
 March 18 Bent Tree Country Club Dallas, Texas
 March 19 Lakeside Country Club Houston, Texas

NORTH-CENTRAL REGION

March 4 Holiday Inn Missoula, Montana
 March 13 Barton Hills Country Club Ann Arbor, Michigan
 March 18 Maketewah Country Club Cincinnati, Ohio
 April 7 Westwood Country Club Cleveland, Ohio

NORTHEASTERN REGION

March 24 Albany Marriott Albany, New York
 March 26 The International Conference Center Bolton, Massachusetts

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

March 24 Charlotte Country Club Charlotte, North Carolina
 TBA Country Club of Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama

WESTERN REGION

March 13 Lakewood Country Club Lakewood, Colorado
 March 16 Industry Hills Resort City of Industry, California
 March 17 Castlewood Country Club Pleasanton, California
 March 18 Phoenix Country Club Phoenix, Arizona
 March 25 University Park Hotel Salt Lake City, Utah
 April 6 The Reserve Portland, Oregon
 April 20 The Hawaii Prince Hotel Honolulu, Hawaii

