

NEWS RELEASE!

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Again this year, the Associate Members of the MGCSA will be hosting a hospitality reception during the 1993 Annual GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in Anaheim, California. All MGCSA Superintendents, Associates, and families are invited to attend.

Following the tradition of past years, an interesting location has been obtained about 15 minutes from the Convention Center. Buses have been rented to transport attendees from various hotel pick up locations to and from the reception. We expect to enjoy a California evening on the patio, but will have access to shelter should that be needed.

A Historic Site, Southwestern Cuisine, Musicians, and maybe a Surprise will be in store for all who attend the Associate's Hospitality Reception, on Wednesday evening, January 27, 1993.

An invitation with more details will follow.

Make plans to be there!



Special Committee Meets on Environmental Management Program for Superintendents

A special resource committee formed to look at continuing education opportunities for superintendents on environmental management topics met in October at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) headquarters in Lawrence, Kans.

The Golf Course Development Resource Committee discussed tentative educational courses which might comprise the Golf Course Development specialization of GCSAA's Environmental Management Program (EMP).

Participants included Dr. Pat Cobb, entomologist, Auburn University; Geoffrey Cornish, golf course architect, Amherst, Mass.; Rick Elyea, national accounts manager, New Construction, O.M. Scotts, Marysville, Ohio; George Frye, director of golf course maintenance, Kiawah Island Golf Resort, Charleston, S.C.; Tim Hiers, golf course superintendent, John's Island Club, Vero Beach, Fla.; Tom Kelsch, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C., and Bob Stephens, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City, Mo.

Because the environmental impact of golf course maintenance practices has attracted increasing scrutiny from the public and government regulatory agencies, GCSAA has assumed the golf industry's environmental leadership role. The EMP is just one of GCSAA's responses to the environmental management challenge.

GCSAA's EMP consists of six distinct specializations: Underground Storage Tanks, Golf Course Development, Integrated Plant Management, Employee Safety and Right-To-Know, Water Quality and Application and Storage Disposal and Recycling.

Golf course superintendents may choose to complete one or more of these specializations, each of which is composed of a series of relevant course work. The superintendent who successfully completes the required course work in a specialization receives a certificate from GCSAA and is listed in the *Directory of Environmental Specialists in Golf Course Management*.

For more information on GCSAA's EMP or other continuing education programs, contact the GCSAA Education department at 913/841-2240.

GCSAA Offers International Education Support

Discussing the opportunities to provide educational programs and member services to greenkeepers and golf course superintendents in South Africa for the first time on an international tour recently was David Bishop, director of education for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Bishop met with the Golf Course Managers and Greenkeepers Association of South Africa in Johannesburg to discuss cooperative programs between GCSAA and the local greenkeepers' association. The programs would teach South African greenkeepers about the sophisticated management techniques used on American golf courses. Also representing GCSAA at these meetings were GCSAA Vice President Randy Nichols, CGCS, and General Counsel Robert D. Ochs.

From South Africa, Bishop traveled to Malaga, Spain, where he and Dr. Nick Christians, professor of horticulture at Iowa State University, taught a three-day seminar on basic turfgrass management for golf courses. The seminar was sponsored by the Asociacion Espanola de Tecnicos en Mantenimiento de Campos de Golf, and was attended by nearly 100 Spanish golf course superintendents.

Bishop then headed to Bangkok, Thailand, to begin a three-nation tour to determine the educational needs of golf course superintendents in the Pacific Rim. He visited golf courses in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore to discuss current standards of golf course management with superintendents in the region. Bishop also met with university representatives and other leaders in the golf industry.

"If GCSAA education efforts are 'to be successful,'" said Bishop, "they must meet the specific needs of the superintendents in the region. The knowledge gained from this trip will enable us to begin to meet those needs."

Bishop will share the results of his mission with U.S. turf experts who will be instructing seminars at GCSAA's inaugural Pacific Rim Golf Course Conference and Show, which is scheduled March 15-21, 1993, in Singapore. The information will help them tailor their presentations to the unique problems and needs associated with golf course management in the Pacific Rim.