ASSOCIATION NEWS

GCSAA membership tops 10,000

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America membership rolls have exceeded 10,000.

Norma M. O'Leary, golf course superintendent at Silver Bay (Minn.) Country Club, became the 64-year-old association's 10,000th member in late May.

O'Leary said her membership in GCSAA "will keep me in touch with current events in turf management, and the education and information programs will help me stay on top of my job."

In 1983, the association had fewer than 5,000 members.

GCSAA reached 9,000 members in October 1988.

Overall, GCSAA's membership grew 108 percent in the last decade.

John Schilling, GCSAA executive director, said, "This has been a tremendous decade for all of golf, particularly for our members and our association."

GCSAA announces several promotions at headquarters

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has made several promotions in its headquarters staff, including Diana B. Green, Colleen Smaller Pederson, Tom Atkins, Taunya Cole and Robert Sanner.

Green, formerly director of headquarters operations, has been promoted to the newly created position of senior director of operations. Green has been with the association since 1975 in a number of different capacities.

Pederson, formerly director of education, has been promoted to the newly created position of senior director of education/marketing. Pederson has worked with GCSAA's educational and conference programs since 1984.

Atkins, formerly manager of government relations, has been promoted to the newly created position of director of planning. Atkins has overseen GCSAA's government relations programs for the past year. He previously worked on the staff of U.S. Rep. Dan Glickman.

Cole has been promoted to manager of accounting/data processing. Cole has served as GCSAA's bookkeeper for the past year.

Sanner has been promoted to sales manager. Sanner had previously been sales coordinator at GCSAA.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has donated $35,000 to the USGA/GCSAA Turfgrass Research Committee to support research into turfgrass breeding and environmental considerations.

"We certainly appreciate the (GCSAA) support—not just the financial support, but also the moral support that golf course superintendents have given us," said Dr. Mike Kenn, USGA research director.

In 1989, GCSAA's Scholarship & Research Fund gave $25,000 for a full review of all scientific literature on the environmental impact of golf course management practices.

Results of the review are now serving as the starting point in the development of a comprehensive manual of "best management practices." The 1990 contribution will go into the committee's general fund and support research that results from the review's findings.

According to Kenn, even though many superintendents already consider the environmental consequences of their management practices, the manual will provide needed documentation of environmentally responsible pest control.

"I feel confident that we're in good shape to meet the challenges not only of the 90s, but of the next century as well, especially in the area of water use," Kenn said.

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