Illinois Turfgrass Foundation plans fund-raisers for research projects

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation's board of directors is planning activities for 1990 that include several "Golf Days" to generate funds for research. In recent years the foundation has contributed an average 20 percent of gross income in direct support to university programs, and the new budget calls for at least 22 percent of income directed to new and ongoing research projects.

The foundation is led by President Michael D. Vogt, Vice President Kerry G. Anderson and Secretary-treasurer Robert W. Gainlee. John M. Turner is immediate past president and directors are Philip H. Hall, Conrad J. Stynchula, Jim Ashby, Warren Shafer, Robert J. Dore and David Ward.

McMullen plans mechanics school for Michigan

Fritz McMullen, of Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, was chosen by Michigan Turfgrass Foundation board members to lead the foundation into the 1990s. Meeting during the recent Michigan Turfgrass Conference, the board unanimously elected McMullen as its new president. He succeeds Kurt Thummen.

McMullen's initial priorities as president include establishing a golf course mechanics school at MSU and appointing an environmental turfgrass specialist.

Serving with McMullen will be Jim Bogart of Turfgrass, Inc., who was elected vice president for 1990. Re-elected by board members were Gordon LaFontaine from Lawn Equipment Co., executive secretary; Kurt Kraly of Willie Turf, recording secretary; and Jeff Gor- ney of J. John Gorney, Inc., treasurer. In addition, Dave Longfield of Garland Golf Club was appointed to assist the treasurer.

McMullen's election followed the annual Michigan Turfgrass Foundation meeting during which the foundation membership elected all four incumbent board members.

Dave Longfield will serve a second term representing the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association, while Tim Doppel continues as lawn-care representative. Also re-elected were Ron Juip of the Sod Growers' Association of Michigan and Kurt Krany as an at-large board member.

Midwest supers give to Musser

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents became the first chapter in the country to donate money to the Musser Foundation.

The Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association has put out a call to all sectors of the golf industry to join in its supporting scholarship and research. HAGCSA is seeking donations so that it can continue to grant scholarships as well as support turfgrass research at Kansas State University and the University of Missouri Columbia. The association held its annual scholarship and research tournament on June 4 and will donate the proceeds to Kansas State and UMC for turfgrass science and research programs, as well as to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Scholarship and Research Fund and the USGA/GCSAA Committee for Environmental Research.

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