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WEST TEXAS GCSCA ELECTS BYRD

SNYDER, Texas — David Byrd of Hogan Park Golf Course, Midland, is the new president of the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Clint Deeds, new superintendent at Taosco Country Club in Amarillo, is the vice president, and George Fugitt of Jacobsen Turf and Commercial in Lubbock is secretary-treasurer.

Future meetings set during the group’s annual meeting at Western Texas College were: May 20, The Club at Mission Dominion, Odessa; July 2, Gaines County Golf Club, Seminole, and Aug. 12, Tascosa Country Club.

The fifth annual West Texas Turf Grass Conference golf tournament and barbeque will be Oct. 15-17 at Western Texas College.

The college’s golf and landscape technology department co-sponsors the event, and the college’s Don Beckland will chair the conference planning committee.

The Texas Turf Grass Conference will be held Dec. 9-11 in Ft. Worth. No date was set for the DowElanco Texas Trophy competition to be hosted by the North Texas GCSCA in September.


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NYSTA ELECTS SMITH

Stephen Smith, a former golf course superintendent who is now in sales at P.L.E. Supply Co., heads the new slate of officers for the New York State Turfgrass Association.

Smith, who succeeded William B. Stark III of Turf Renovations in Homer, is joined by Vice President Michael Maffie of Back O’Beyond in Brewster and Treasurer John Libardi of Heritage Park in Loudonville.

Directors are Fran Bedine of O.M. Smith in Pine Bush; Tom Corell of J &J Mikes in Jamaica; John Fik of Park Ridge Hospital in Rochester; Steve Griffen of Saratoga Sod Farm in Stillwater; Peter Han of Penfield (N.Y.) Country Club; Karl Olson of National Golf Links in Southampton; Anthony Peca Jr. of Batavia (N.Y.) Turf Farms; Peter Salinetti of Schuyler Meadows Club in Loudonville; and Tom Strain of Vestal Hills CC in Binghamton.

N.H. OFFERS EDUCATION

The recent New Hampshire Turf Conference offered a new educational session for turf equipment mechanics.

There is a growing need for this type of education as equipment becomes more specialized.

The 1991 NHGCSA scholarships were awarded at the conference opening session.

The three recipients each received a plaque and $520. All attended Stockbridge Turf School at the University of Massachusetts.

They are Andrew McHugh, Pepperell, Mass.; Dave Elliot, Nashua; Randall Scott Weeks, Sunapee; Robert McPherson, Peterborough, and Glenn White, Derry.

FUSEK PENNSYLVANIA-BOUND

Ken Flisek, superintendent at The Woodlands in Falmouth, Maine, will leave at the end of April to be superintendent at The Club at Nevillewood, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course being built in Collier Township, Pa.

Flisek, 33, superintendent at the exclusive Woodlands residential community since it opened in 1987, will be returning to his hometown area. He grew up caddying at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club and earned a turfgrass management degree from Penn State in 1981.

He was assistant superintendent at Castle Pines Golf Club, a Nicklaus design, from 1981 until taking the head post at another Nicklaus layout, Grand Traverse North Course in Traverse City, Mich., in 1983.

He moved in 1985 to The Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y. He prepared The Woodlands for a Ben Hogan Tour stop in 1990 and has been a speaker at superintendents conferences.