**North Central**

**MICHIGAN AND BORDER CITIES ELECT**

Tom Mason of Birmingham (Mich.) Country Club is the new president of the Michigan & Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association. Mason was elected along with Vice President Ken Debuschess of Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, and Secretary-Treasurer Gary Thommes of Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.


The Michigan & Border Cities association donated $5,000 to the Michigan Special Olympics in 1990, and raised another $18,000 which it will give to the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation for research.

**SOUTH DAKOTA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP**

University of Minnesota at Waseca student Arlen Fenhaus was given the first annual South Dakota Golf Course Superintendents Association Scholarship.

Fenhaus is majoring in landscape-nursery technology with an emphasis in golf course management.

Recipients of the award must be South Dakota residents and must enroll or be enrolled at UMW intending to study golf course management. Scholastic ability, leadership potential, community service and extra-curricular activities are also considered by the selection committee.

**HAUSMAN TALKS OF RIGORS**

South Dakota Golf Course Superintendents Association President Doug Hausman told the group recently about the rigors of construction during a very wet spring and a hot, dry summer at the new Dakota Dunes Golf Course in N. Sioux City.

Dakota Dunes is a Palmer Group course and will be a 36-hole facility with inlusion of the older Boat Club course. The new layout is designed for major tournament play and is expected to open late this summer.

**WARREN RETURNS**

Brett Warren has returned from Nebraska to South Dakota to assume the position as superintendent at Huron Country Club.

**NEW NINES ADDED**

While Hartford, Spearfish and Madison, S.D., have added nine holes to their existing nine-hole facilities, Huron may lose several of its holes to a planned airport expansion project. Huron officials are planning to offset this loss.

**BENTGRASS SYMPOSIUM**

A silver anniversary Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium, dedicated to the memory of O.J. Noer, was held in Milwaukee in late October. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Milwaukee Division of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, the symposium focused on bentgrasses — New, Old, Right or Wrong.

Speakers included Tom Mascaro of TurfTec International, USGA Green Section Mid-Atlantic Region Director Stanley Zontek, and Pennsylvania State University Professor of Turfgrass Science Joseph Duich.

Judy Policastro is executive secretary of the 64-year-old association, which has 450 members and is headquartered at 66 Morris Ave., Springfield, N.J.

**WEST**

**PGA WEST NETS $38,450**

Jeff Walser, head golf pro at PGA West Resort Course in La Quinta, raised $38,450 in the National Golf Day Pro-Am at PGA West last fall.

Half the money will be donated to the Inland Empire Junior Golf Association and half to PGA of America charities.

"All of us learned to play golf in junior programs when we were growing up," Walser said. "We know that the future of the sport depends on our ability to help today's junior players learn the game."

PGA West golf members donated $14,000 for National Golf Day. Another $24,450 was raised at a tournament at the Nicklaus Resort Course.

Walser said the Landmark Land Co. courses have raised more than $100,000 in the past five years' National Golf Days.

The PGA of America presented Walser its President's Plaque at its annual meeting in December at La Quinta.

**NORTHEAST**

**NEW JERSEY LEADERS**

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey elected David Pease of Monmouth County Park System president at its annual meeting Nov. 13 at Hollywood Golf Club.

Pease is joined by Vice-President Chris Carson of Echo Lake Country Club; Secretary Thomas Grinick of Tavasock Golf Club and Treasurer Martin Mantell of Rancocas Golf Club.

Directors elected to two-year terms are Glen Miller of Mansanquan Country Club, Ken Krueze of Paramus Golf Club, Chris Gaynor of Colonia Country Club, and Robert Prickett of Pennsauken Golf Club.


Commercial representatives to the board are Shaun Barry of Nor-Am Chemical Corp. and Steve Chirip of Lebanon Chemical Co.

**PEAKS & PRAIRIES OFFICERS**

The Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association is under new leadership under a new board, with Kelly Verlanic of the University of Montana Golf Course.

Verlanic was elected to replace Immediate Past President R. Scott Woodhead of Valley View Golf Club at the association's fall conference and trade show in Billings, Mont., in October.

Also elected were Vice President Todd Mumbauer of Butte Country Club, Secretary-Treasurer Joe Brinkel of Laurel Golf Club, and Directors Brad Berg of Olive Glenn Golf Club, Jim Henshaw of Stillwater Golf Club, Steve Johnson of Green Meadows Country Club, Steve Kromer of Big Sky Golf Club and Dean Kroft of Pryor Creek Golf Club.

**SOUTHEAST**

**GEORGIA CONFERENCE**

Environmental issues and better turf management practices highlighted presentations at the 214 Annual Georgia Turfgrass Conference, Dec. 10-12, at the Georgia International Convention and Trade Center in Atlanta.

More than 40 scientists and professionals addressed the conference on turfgrass issues.

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

**TENNESSEE CONFERENCE**

Topics from DNA research in turfgrass to winterkill of Bermuda grass will highlight the Tennessee Turfgrass Conference and Show, Jan. 7-9, in Knoxville.

The first conference held in east Tennessee, the event is scheduled for Holiday Inn World's Fair, a hotel co-sponsored by the Tennessee Turfgrass Association, headquarted in Nashville.


The Tennessee Department of Agriculture will also offer a pesticide category exam and core exam that afternoon.

Jan. 8 will offer a full day of sessions, including Dr. Coleman Ward of Auburn University speaking on "Winter Kill of Bermuda grass"; superintendent Buddy Will's of TTC; and Memphis speaking on "Preparations for a PGA Tournament".

Dr. Joel Barber of Oldahoma State University on "New Bermuda Grasses and Breeding"; Don Armstrong of Golf Resources in Dallas on "The Unforeseen Problems in Golf Course Construction"; and Tom Sample of the University of Tennessee on "Present and Future Turfgrasses."

Ward will give attendees highlights of Auburn University's turfgrass research on Jan. 9, followed by talks by Dr. Gary Wade of the University of Georgia on "Kesireces for Grounds Management"; Dr. Lloyd Callahan of the University of Tennessee on "DNA Research in Turfgrasses"; Barber on "Fertilization Strategies and New Product Formulations"; and, Dr. Richard Duble of Texas A&M University on "Herbicides for Weed Control in Ornamental Grind Cover Beds."

More information is available from Donnie Callies, TTA executive director, at 353 Hagan St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203; 615-242-4600.

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