Mountains

LAWN CARE CONFERENCE

The Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals will host the 3rd Annual Spring Training Conference and "Hands-on" Workshops, March 13, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden. The association has applied for recertification in all agricultural categories from the state Department of Agriculture.

COLORADO LAWNCARE ELECTIONS

Tom Tolkacz of Swingle Tree Co. has been elected president of the Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals. Joining Tolkacz as officers are Vice President Duane Moll of Horticulture Concepts and Secretary-Treasurer Steve C. Hyland of Colorado State University, Donette Faulk of Liqui-Turf, Wheat Ridge, Gary Schmunk of Helena Sand and Gravel, and Tom Fields of Olympia is executive secretary.

TOUGH WINTER IN NORTHWEST

Western Washington superintendents are pulling themselves out of one of the most devastating winter memories, according to Randy White, superintendent at Everett Golf and Country Club in Ferndale. "Reports of floods, wind damage to trees and extensive desiccation of turf are common," White said. "It appears many superintendents will be resodding or reseeding portions of their courses this spring." White reported that winds of more than 70 miles per hour combined with single-digit temperatures and little or no snow cover to cause damage. "This is acceptable in some areas of the States, if the turf is dormant," he said, "but courses in western Washington are in play 12 months in most years and the predominant grass is poa annua."

South Central

TEXAS WEATHER FINE

Texas golf courses, many of which were devastated by winter kill last spring following an unusually harsh winter, reportedly are in "great shape" this year. Galveston Island Municipal Golf Course professional Bruce Bodily told the Galveston Daily News, "The weather is great, the golf course is in great shape and we're having a great time."
The weather had been so warm at Christmas that Director of Golf Don Hubbard said, "We're getting quite a few people out here who usually get a cart but are walking instead."
The winter freeze of 1988-90 caused millions of dollars of damage to Texas courses. Many superintendents bought greens covers to protect their courses this winter.

Golf Day in North Carolina

North Carolina Golf Day 1991, scheduled May 23, is projected to exceed $25,000. The inaugural statewide event last year topped $11,000.

Golf Day's purpose is to promote turfgrass research.

Said Brad Kocher, state chairman and director of golf course and grounds maintenance for Pinehurst Hotel & Country Club: "The Turfgrass Council of North Carolina has embarked on this effort to improve the quality of turfgrass in the state by requesting those who benefit the most from improved golf turf — the golfers — to contribute $1."

Corporations that derive their business from golf also were asked to contribute funds based on their numbers of golfers on a given day.

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Directors are Carl Buttery of St. Mary's Golf Course; Troy Chandler of Roane County Country Club near Kingston; and Tom Fields of Olympia, Wash., superintendent at Everett Golf and Country Club in Ferndale.

Directors' expansion is reflected in the inclusion of Piatnek, from the commercial division of Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, as a voting member. Piatnek, a former St. Andrews superintendant, is currently an instructor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Other directors are Immediate Past President Robert Yoder, former director of golf at the West Virginia Country Club in Mission, Kan.; Paul Broderick of Menlo Park, Calif., secretary-treasurer; and Ron Sturges of the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association.

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Also, Dr. John F. Baniecki of West Virginia University Extension Service in Morgantown; John P. Curnow of Quivera Lake Country Club in Lake Quivira, Kan.; John Francis of Country Club of Blue Springs, Mo.; Chuck Hybl of Hillcrest Country Club in Kansas City, Mo.; and Bob Perry of Griffin Country Club.

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GEORGIA OFFICERS Elected

Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association members have elected a slate of officers headed by President Mark Hoban of The Standard Club in Duluth.

William Shirley of Idle Hour Golf Club in Macon was elected vice president, while new members of the board of directors are Mike Hamilton of Lanier Golf Course in Cumming; Mike Martin of Olde Atlanta Golf Course in Cumming, Paul Piteir of Pinecrest Country Club in Kennesaw and Bob Perry of Griffin Country Club.

Heart of America Elects Bredlove

Loren Bredlove of Kansas City Country Club in Mission, Kan., has been elected president of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Also elected to the HOGCSA's Board of Directors are Larry Maguire of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association in Mission, Kan., who presented the Superintendent of the Year award, while Dave Fearis of Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City received the Mendenhall Award.

Also, Terry Rodenberg of St. Andrews Golf Course in Overland Park, Kan., was presented the Superintendent of the Year award, while Dave Fearis of Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City received the Mendenhall Award.

Jeff Elmer of Lakewood Oaks Country Club in Lee's Summit, Mo.; Pat Penlen of Quivera Lake Country Club in Lake Quivira, Kan.; John Francis of Country Club of Blue Springs, Mo.; Chuck Hybl of Hillcrest Country Club in Kansas City, Mo.; and Jerry Rhoden of St. Andrews Golf Course in Overland Park, Kan., were also elected to the board of directors.

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Mid-AM Sends Record

Officials of the Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show report attendance records set by the Jan. 17-19 event in Chicago.

Attendance reached 6,654 growers, landscape professionals, suppliers, retailers and others, according to Mid-Am President Richard Schwarz.

Schwarz said the change to a Thursday-through-Saturday schedule helped improve crowds.

The show is sponsored by the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Illinois Nurserymen's Association and Wisconsin Landscape Federation.

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