MAINTENANCE

GCSAA ELECTS OFFICERS

William Roberts of Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America replacing outgoing President Stephen Cadenelli during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's International Conference and Show last month in New Orleans.

Randy Nichols of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., was elected vice president and Joseph Baidy of Acacia Hills Country Club in McMurray, Pa., along with newcomer Paul McGinnis of Union Hills Country Club in Sun City, Ariz.

SOD FARM INTERNSHIPS OFFERED

Turfgrass management students or those in related programs who are interested in working on a sod farm can submit resumes to the American Society of Plantation Managers' Internship Program.

POLYMER TEST DETERMINES APPLICATION

TOPEKA, Kan. — Aque Gel International, a distributor of polymers, now has a laboratory test that can accurately determine the application rate of water-repellent material which, when used in turfgrass or agriculture, prove cost-effective in managing scarce water resources.

LOFTS AWARDS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

BOUND BROOK, N.J. — Eight $1,000 Peter Selmer Loft Memorial Scholarship Awards were awarded at the New Jersey Turfgrass Association's Annual Meeting.

Financial planners estimate that retirees need from 70 to 100 percent of preretirement income in order to maintain their current standard of living.

The GCSAA Retirement Program combines the tax advantages of insurance contracts and the investment opportunities of mutual funds, with no load or sales charge design. The specific investment products are being offered through the Guardian Insurance and Annuity Co., Inc., a subsidiary of Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. Guardian Life was listed as one of the 11 safest life insurance companies in the U.S. by Money Magazine in July 1991 and has received the highest ratings for safety and quality from Standard & Poors (AAA), A.M. Best (A+) and Moody's (Aa3).

TOPEKA, Kan. — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the Merchants National Bank of Topeka have established a retirement program for members with Merchants National Bank retirement program, contact Stephen R. Page, registered rep, at 913-291-1001 or Sharon Johnson, registered rep, at 913-291-1003.

Position papers address wildlife, wetlands, other topics

Zidik, Passios, GCSAA staff draft GCSAA statements

The GCSAA board of directors recently approved nine position papers that will solidify the association's stance on the environment.

The papers were drafted by board government relations liaisons Randall P. Zidik and Charles T. Passios, and the government relations staff at Golf Course Superintendents Association of America headquarters.

The papers — titled Applicator Certification, Endangered Species, Wetlands and Other Aquatic Habitats, and Posting and Notification — will be distributed upon request as tools to help educate people and to inform the golfing and non-golfing public about the GCSAA's stance on these issues. The applicator certification paper stresses the importance of training for pesticide applicators.

The endangered species paper notes that the GCSAA fully supports efforts to implement a successful endangered species program and encourages cooperation with the EPA.

The Wetlands paper recognizes the need to protect wetlands, notes how courses can enhance and protect urban wetlands, and offers a definition of wetlands.

In the posting and notification paper, the GCSAA supports reasonable efforts to notify the public about pesticide applications.

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