Monsanto donates to GCSAA fund

$10,000 gift split between scholarship and research

Monsanto Agricultural Co. of St. Louis has presented GCSAA Scholarship & Research with two gifts totaling $10,000.

Half the company's contribution will be used for general support of education and scientific programs operated by the 35-year-old charitable organization.

The remaining $5,000 will be included in the Chet Mendenhall Memorial Fund, a scholarship endowment named in honor of a pioneering member of GCSAA. The contribution also serves to renew Monsanto's charter membership in the Platinum Tee Club, the premiere support group for GCSAA S&R.

“Our donation is a continuation of Monsanto's longstanding belief in supporting the professionals who use our products," said Thomas J. Hooghoven, the company's manager of environmental services. “We're happy to make an investment in the future of a great industry like golf.”

“We're very pleased to have Monsanto back in the club again for 1992,” said Joseph G. Baidy, chairman of GCSAA's Scholarship Committee. “We're also excited that they've chosen to dedicate part of their contribution to the Mendenhall Fund. It's a great tribute to one of the most important figures in our association's history.”

Turf Advisory Service offer extended to public course first-time users

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The United States Golf Association is making an offer it hopes public courses won't be able to refuse. The USGA is offering half-price Turf Advisory Service to public golf courses that accept green fees from the general public, do not have a membership that owns the course, and haven't used the TAS in the last three years.

It hopes that providing expert agronomic advice to the courses can help improve the quality of playing conditions for many of the nation's public golfers. Also, it hopes the courses will then become annual subscribers to the service.

The one-day fee is $700 (usually the fee for the half-day program). The Turf Advisory Service shows facilities how to solve turfgrass problems, and provides expert advice on maintaining a healthy turfgrass stand. The service can be used to treat overseeding, turfgrass germination, and other problems. It also provides a written report detailing problems and solutions for the year.

The USGA Green Section has offered turfgrass research and advisory services since 1921. For more information about this one-time offer, contact USGA Green Section, Public Golf Course Offer, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, N.J. 07931-0708; 908-234-2300.