Members afforded more ballot input

GCSAA to rehash familiar issues in Dallas

By Peter Blais

Lawrence, Kan. — With last year’s defeat still fresh in its mind, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Board of Directors has developed a new set of bylaw amendments calling for more membership input.

Taking the power to set dues away from members and giving it to the board was one of the most controversial recommendations a year ago. The membership defeated that measure by a huge margin.

According to GCSAA documents, this year’s bylaw proposal calls for, “Pre-serving membership’s authority to set dues for classes AA, A, B, and C [which covers most working head and assistant superintendents] — but through regular ballot voting procedures instead of the current voice vote — while assigning responsibility for setting other membership classifications’ dues to the board of directors.”

Associate and Affiliate membership classifications will be an issue again this year. This was a sore spot with many regular members.

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New NGF study explores operations and revenues

By Mark Leslie

Jupiter, Fla. — Golf course managers and superintendents around the country will now be able to compare their apples with other courses’ apples. Drawing boundaries around the country according to climate and golf seasons, rather than distinct geographical regions, the National Golf Foundation has released reports that compare revenues, expenses, course characteristics, water supply and equipment.

The fruits of the labor — NGF Golf Course Operations & Maintenance Survey Report — are now available in daily-fee, municipal and private, etc., editions.

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Lucas leads landowners’ revolution

By Mark Leslie

Former Wild Dunes golf course owner David Lucas, who took his state’s coastal commission to the U.S. Supreme Court and won, wants to wrest control of land use from what he says is a government of “tyranny by legislative fiat and special-interest groups.”

Lucas, who feels the government has an arm-lock on development, said, “I think we have about two years to stem the tide. Then it will be so entrenched it will be difficult to get out of.”

While winning a 1992 case in which the Supreme Court ruled the S.C. Coastal Commission had wrongly prevented him from building homes on two coastal

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GCN to sponsor Golf Course Expo in 1994

By Hal Phillips

Orlando, Fla. — Golf Course Expo, an annual trade exhibition and education conference sponsored by Golf Course News, will be held here Nov. 10-12, 1994, at the Orlando Convention Center.

Golf Course Expo is designed to serve the trade show needs of superintendents, owners, managers and developers in the daily-fee, resort, municipal and semi-private golf course markets. The conference — the outgrowth of Public Golf ’92 and ’93, Golf Course News’ highly successful national conferences serving public-access course owners and managers — will be co-sponsored by the National Golf Foundation (NGF).

“We feel Golf Course Expo fills a clear need in the golf course industry,” said Golf Course News Publisher Charles von Brecht.

“Public-access golf operations are the fastest-growing sector of the industry, yet there is no forum for its vendors or its particular educational needs. This exhibition and conference are designed to remedy both situations.”

The two-day education symposia will be divided into three distinct tracks: Agronomy, Management and Development. The latter will be led by the NGF, while the Agronomy Program will feature speakers from the U.S. Golf Association

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Gentile-Murray to rep for Geoflow

Geoflow, Inc., manufacturers of subsurface drip irrigation products, has retained Gentile-Murray Associates to represent it throughout Southern California, according to Karen Ruskin Ferguson, marketing vice president. Team Gentile and Rich Murray, principals of Gentile-Murray Associates, will provide sales and technical support for irrigation and landscape designers utilizing subsurface drip irrigation methodology.

Wessel promoted at Reemay, Inc.

OLD HICKORY, Tenn. — Reemay, Inc., has announced that Monica Wessel has been promoted to the position of international sales manager for the firm’s International Business Unit. Wessel had spent the last three years as Reemay’s marketing communications manager. Replacing Wessel as marketing communications manager is David Molesworth, who moves up from his spot as sales representative for Tyyar HouseWrap. Molesworth has experience in manufacturing supervision as well as television production and advertising. For more information, contact Reemay 615-847-7000.

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Green Section, the nation’s university research community, and certified golf course superintendents will provide leadership for the 1993 Golf Course Expo. The Expo will bring the green section, turf managers, and golf course superintendents together to learn from each other and assess the future of golf course management. The Expo will include sessions on irrigation and insect, disease and weed management to golf course superintendents, turf managers, and the news media.

Fungisol joins Pest Management

HADLEY, Mass. — Pest Management Supply Inc. has named Dr. Don Collins director of sales for the firm’s Weather Intelligence Division. Collins will be responsible for introducing the benefits of on-site weather monitoring for irrigation and insect, disease and weed management to golf course superintendents, turf managers Collin, who previously worked for Neogen, will be based in Pest Management’s Midwest sales office in St. Louis, Mo.

Fungisol gets conditional EPA approval

LOS ANGELES — The J.J. Mauget Company has announced that Fungisol debacarb fungicide has been conditionally re-registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) while additional tests are being conducted. The re-registration is based on an extensive agency review conducted over the past three years.

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