Budget-cut threat to NTEP awaits Congress

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CRENSHAW TO GET OLD TOM AWARD
PGA Tour great Ben Crenshaw will receive the 1997 Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America. The presentation will take place Feb. 11 in Las Vegas at a banquet during the association's 68th International Golf Course Conference and Show. GCSAA President Bruce R. Williams said Crenshaw's actions over the years "exemplify what is best about the game. He's a great human being and the game needs people like him." Crenshaw, who has won more than 30 PGA Tour events, is known for his passion for the integrity of the game. From his activities as a collector to his passion for the integrity of the game, Ben's obvious love of golf is an inspiration.

SOUTHWEST SHOW SCHEDULED
PHOENIX, Ariz. — The 19th annual Southwest Horticultural Trade Show will be held here Sept. 2-5, featuring a full-day seminar on reclaimed irrigation water and several educational sessions. Sponsored by the Arizona Nursery Association, the event will display products specifically designed for the desert areas of Arizona, New Mexico, California and west Texas. The annual Xeriscape Conference, continuing education units, marketing panel and grower short course are part of the event.

FOUTY OVERSEES EXPANSION
NORTHVILLE, Mich. — Expansion is underway here at Downing Farms Golf Course and Michigan State graduate Mike Fouty has assumed the position of superintendent. Work on an additional nine holes began in January along with improvements to the original course. The 3,120-yard Harry Bowler design will incorporate wetlands and hardwoods. A 3,000-square-foot clubhouse is scheduled to open in July.

GCSAA OPENS WEB SITE
A new World Wide Web site makes information available to the general public about course management. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America site, address is http://www.gcsaa.org. GCSAA has also added an "Ask the Pro" option to the Web site that allows golfers to file questions via e-mail. The initial phase will focus on the environment. Starting July 1, GCSAA members will have a private Member Services area they can log into at their convenience. GCSAA has also added a "Weekly Briefs" section to its e-mail list called info@e@ news@gcsaa.org — to gather feedback and answer questions.

BRIEFS

By TODD L. SENTELL

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Eighteen holes in the morning, another in the afternoon, perhaps a third on the way home, dinner, then all in a day's work for Randy Waldron, director of golf courses and landscaping at the Golf Club of Georgia.

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Waldron's aim: Picture-perfect

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ries and cultivars within a species have the best overall drought resistance. This included determining which grasses can develop a good root system and maintain it under our severe soil stresses of high soil strength, acid soil complex, high temperatures and low water content [i.e. drought]. We've identified which grasses can have inherently low water-use rates thereby low irrigation requirements. We've developed ir-

The current round of USGA funding ends in January 1998, according to Dr. Mike Kenna. What is the most important area for future funding in your locale? Nationally?

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RGC: Has the USGA done well allocat-
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GCN: Does the University of Georgia work closely with the Georgia Golf Course Superinten-
dents Association and other state and regional turfgrass groups?

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