Hofstetter takes over Southeast Region for IGM

LAKELAND, Fla. — International Golf Management (IGM) has selected Gregory Hofstetter as manager for the Southeast Region. Hofstetter, who earned a degree in agronomy from the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, was most recently a senior regional agronomist with LESCO, Inc., where he was employed for nine years.

Hofstetter will be based in IGM’s Atlanta office, responsible for the Carolinas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.— Golf course superintendent Steve Carlton has joined Mather Golf Course, it was announced by CourseCo., Inc. The 18-hole public course was originally part of Mather Air Force Base, but Sacramento County assumed ownership in 1994 after the base closed. CourseCo, a Petaluma-based golf course management and development company, operates the 40-year-old facility for the county.

Carlton, 51, spent the past five years as a consultant to Pacific Rim courses in Japan, Taiwan, Guam and Malaysia, and was superintendent at Guam International Country Club from 1989 to 1993. In Northern California, he has been superintendent at El Macero Country Club, San Jose Country Club and Gilroy Golf Course.

A native San Franciscan who grew up in Woodside, Carlton graduated from the University of California at Davis with a degree in agronomy in 1968, and later did graduate work there in turf management.

Turf Producers aim for ‘Grand’ membership goal

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. — Intent upon having at least 1,000 worldwide members by summer, Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) has announced a membership campaign that will reward the 1,000th member with a year’s free membership. The member who recruits that “grand” turfgrass sod producer (Class A) member will receive a $1,000 prize. To broaden TPI’s membership representation, the “Go for the Grand” campaign encourages current members to enroll fellow non-member producers into TPI. The sod producer and manufacturer who recruits the most members will be recognized with a special “Top Recruiter” prize, while anyone who recruits even a single Class A member will be recognized as a “Grand Recruiter.” TPI officials hope to announce their “Grand Member” and recognize the recruiters during the organization’s Summer Convention and Field Days, July 16-18, in suburban Washington, D.C. Membership materials can be obtained from TPI by calling 800-405-TURF or faxing 847/705-9898.

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