GCSAA’s 68th International Golf Show Smashes Variety of Records in Las Vegas

A record 22,227 golf course management industry representatives attended the GCSAA’s 68th International Golf Course Conference & Show Feb. 6-12 in Las Vegas, surpassing the previous record of 21,784 set last year in Orlando, Fla.

GCSAA’s 68th annual event included 100 educational seminars, sessions and forums. Attending golf course superintendents, course officials, turfgrass professionals, educators, suppliers and media representatives also were able to see the latest in golf course management products and services at the three-day trade show.

Other records for the week:
- Registrants for the week’s educational seminars totaled more than 5,300, breaking the 1996 record of 4,978.
- Total exhibit space at the trade show was 221,400 square feet occupied by 685 exhibiting companies, 12,530 square feet more than the 1996 record.
- The final tally of international attendees was 2,340, representing 64 countries. The previous record was 1,791, also set in 1996 in Orlando.

Other highlights of the week:
- Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS, was elected president of GCSAA for 1997-78 at the association’s annual meeting. George Renault III, CGCS, and David W. Fearis, CGCS, were elected vice president and secretary/treasurer, respectively.
- Retired Navy Capt. James A. (Jim) Lovell Jr., commander of the Apollo 13 space mission, delivered the keynote speech at the Opening Session.
- Eleanor Clift and Fred Barnes of the McLaughlin Group, the Washington D.C.-based group known for spirited discussions of the country’s hottest issues, and Kim A. Richards of The Athens group, a golf course and residential developer, presented a lively debate on government and environmental issues affecting the golf industry.
- Ben Crenshaw, one of the PGA Tour’s most popular and talented players, was presented with GCSAA’s highest honor, the Old Tom Morris Award, at the gala ’97 banquet that highlighted the week’s events. After the banquet, world-renowned singer Kenny Loggins provided the evening’s entertainment.
- Key sessions by the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the American Zoysiagrass Association, the Club Managers Association of America, the National Golf Course Owners Association, the National Golf Foundation and the United States Golf Association Green Section rounded out the conference events.

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1. Candidate must be a resident of Minnesota or employed by a Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association member superintendent.

2. Candidate must: (a) Have completed his or her first year in a two-year turfgrass technical program, (b) completed the second or third year of a four-year program with major emphasis in turf management.

3. Fill out the application form completely and return with transcripts by July 1, 1997. Also include two current head and shoulder photos.

4. Have both Advisor and Superintendent return their reports postmarked by July 1, 1997.

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For any questions, or to request a comprehensive brochure on the certification program, contact Penny Mitchell, certification manager, at 913/832-4484, or e-mail to certify@gcsaa.org.

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1997 Waste Pesticide Collection Schedule

(Editor's Note: I visited with Stan Kaminski regarding additional details of the collection process. He wanted to stress several key factors regarding the disposal of these products.

1) You can deliver your material to ANY SITE. Just because there may not be a site in your county does not eliminate you from the program.

2) The cost is FREE up to 300 pounds of material. If you have more than 300 you need to call Stan at the Department of Agriculture. He will be glad to work with you on these larger amounts and it may not cost you anything.

3) Don't forget that other products may be able to be brought in, such as penta wood preservatives, dioxins, etc. Just call and ask if what you have can be disposed of.

4) No antifreeze or used oil can be disposed of at these collections.

5) These collections are paid for by a fee paid by the companies that produce pesticides, that is why there is no cost to you or your facility.

6) Since the program started six years ago, they will collect their one millionth pound this year. He really wanted to stress that the goal of these collections is to get the unwanted and unusable materials disposed of properly and out of storage areas around the state.

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If you are storing insect or weed killers, fungicides or rodenticides after they are no longer useful, they become a threat to the environment. Old containers could leak or become broken, exposing people, livestock and the groundwater to the toxic effects of the concentrated pesticide. These collections are a great opportunity to rid your homestead or worksite of these potential dangers. All pesticides are disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.

You can bring your pesticides to any one of many collection sites. Almost 40 sites have been set up to make participation convenient and easy. There is a site near you. Look over the schedule on the bottom of this page and select a site that works for you.

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Each week, "Par for the Course" will take viewers inside the world of golf, featuring how-to-play instruction, outstanding places to play, interviews with industry leaders and celebrities, agronomic insights and environmental success stories.

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