

Maryland Turfgrass 80

It's never too early to start thinking of this outstanding event. This year the site will be the new Baltimore Convention Center with the Baltimore Hilton, serving as the headquarters hotel. The opportunity to use the new Convention Center, allows the expanded display space to show "large-size" grounds management equipment. For those wishing to utilize the exhibitor areas, the contact person is Emory Patton at: The Turf Center, 1409 Spencerville Rd., Spencerville, MD 20868, (301) 384-6300 or 421-9400.

Education Opportunities

Howard Community College will offer an evening course on landscape and grounds management in the fall. Designed for individuals interested in learning how to develop a complete grounds management program, the course will focus on equipment, supplies, manpower, scheduling and costs. Professional maintenance, improvements of both public and private property, and proper care of turf, trees, shrubs and other plant materials will be stressed.

Instructor, Bob Larsen, a graduate of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, has 15 years of experience in the ground maintenance field and is currently operations manager for Loudon Park and Druid Ridge Cemeteries. He is also a member of the Professional Grounds Maintenance Society.

The "Landscape and Grounds Management" class, which will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-9:15 p.m., can be applied towards the Plant Science certificate program at the college. Other courses being offered this fall that are also applicable to the program include Pest and Plant Diseases, Woody Plants and Applied Botany. General registration will be held on August 28 and 29. For further information, call 992-4828 or 992-4800.

Golf News

September marks our annual joint meeting with the Philadelphia Association. There's no need to go into the details of why you should attend: this event has an excellent history that speaks for itself, so I'm sure the turnout will be tremendous. The golf play will be a pairing with the Philly group on a "play-as-you-show" situation, with no regard to special classes or handicaps. This year there will be no tee off times. In order to conserve costs, there will be no individual trophies, but the honor of each association is still at stake as each vies for the magnificent trophy (?). The regular $3 entry fee of the "net & gross" prizes will take place.

For those fortunate enough to still be involved in the match play: this will continue during the joint meeting; championship flight as follows:

Lawson vs Robinson tee time 12:30
Allen vs Kroll tee time 12:40

Since Jack Montecalvo is our gracious host and is still in the match play, he and his opponent, Mr. Earl Mason will play their match during the October meeting.