

## GCSAA Membership Reaches All-Time High of 18,000

Unprecedented growth in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has pushed the Association's membership total to slightly more than 18,000 according to figures processed by the GCSAA chapter/member services department.

In just the three-month period from March 1 to May 31, GCSAA membership increased by 1,000 (or 5.9%) to the current total. Since January 1994, GCSAA membership has grown 38.5% (up from 13,000) representing all regions of the nation, and 50 foreign countries and all categories of membership.

"I believe this dramatic growth reflects positively on the value of the benefits and services provided by the Association," said GCSAA President Paul McGinnis, CGCS, Moon Valley Country Club, Phoenix, Arizona. "Just like the game of golf, the Superintendent Profession is confronted with constant change and advances. It is GCSAA's goal to provide the education, representation and information for these individuals to be successful."

Membership records indicate GCSAA has an annual retention rate of 92%. The average rate for associations is 86%.

## Did You Know?

Amendments have been proposed for the controversial **ban on use of pesticides by the city and county of San Francisco**. Changes would include:

- Prohibiting use of Toxicity Category II pesticides in 1998, instead of reducing by 50% to volume of pesticides used during 1996 that were not banned in 1997.
- Changing exemption provisions to allow a one year exemption when no effective, economic alternatives exist, a limited use exemption for specific purposes during a short period if a compelling need exists, and an exemption for banned pesticides determined to be "commonly part of an IPM strategy"; and
- Allowing exemptions from notice requirements for public health emergencies, worker safety reasons and onetime pesticide uses.

The California GCSA is preparing to comment on the rules and propose additional amendments to cover golf courses on city land. The operation of the ban in San Francisco is being closely watched by city governments throughout California and the entire U.S.

## Annual Turf & Landscape Research Field Day

University of California Cooperative Extension is offering the Annual Turf and Landscape Research Field Day for turf and landscape professionals. The program is free and no advance registration is required.

Date: Thursday, August 28, 1997

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Location: U.C. Bay Area Research and Extension Center, 90 N. Winchester Boulevard, Santa Clara, California.

3 DPR, and .35 Certified Golf Course Superintendent continuing education hours are pending. For more information please

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