

GCSAA Announces Limited Budget Outreach Program

The Limited Budget Outreach Program is an initiative to provide advice and assistance to golf facilities with limited resources. The facilities that will be targeted by this program are those with extremely low budgets, which may or may not employ a full-time superintendent.

The goal of this program is to match experienced superintendents to those charged with the maintenance at these limited budget facilities, in order to provide technical advice and support as-needed/requested. Although this is a voluntary program, GCSAA is strongly encouraging affiliated chapters to participate.

The program overview, highlighting the responsibilities of chapters and GCSAA in administering this program, is available on the chapter Extranet site at <http://www.gcsaa.org/chapter/resources/programs/limbudget.html>.

Boardroom Briefs

- ◆ Secretary Treasurer **Jeff Shafer** reported that he would begin submitting the treasurer's report to Board members on a quarterly basis, although he will continue to receive a monthly report from association Executive Secretary **Barbara Mikel**
- ◆ **Roger Robarge** offered to contact Newsletter Editor, **Ken Williams** to determine the status of the proposed format changed to the newsletter. Ken had formally proposed the change at the June Board meeting. In the interim, the newsletter will be produced in black at white.
- ◆ **Jeff Shafer**, previewed a draft of a salary and compensation survey for GCSANC members. The draft will be circulated again at the next board meeting for final approval.
- ◆ **Bob Costa** reported on the status of Ball Mark Repair Week and Turfgrass Awareness Week and reviewed the activities for both events. Board members granted the approval to explore development of a promotional brochure that could be distributed along with ball mark repair tools at the Transamerica Senior PGA Tour event in October.
- ◆ After some debate, the BOD agreed to ask newsletter editor **Ken Williams** to discontinue producing "Bunker Shots" in thru the Green. Although the consensus was that the feature was entertaining and in some respects insightful, there was concern that some comments may be perceived to reflect the opinion of the GCSANC and it's membership.
- ◆ **Roger Robarge** reported on the outcome of the Scholarship Committee comprised of **Thomas Bastis, Mike Hill and Brad Langley**. The committee recommended the continued funding of individual recipients involved in turfgrass studies as well as developing a system to ensure that scholarship funds are applied to educational expenses only.
- ◆ President **Gary Carls** noted that the State Association is formally seeking a Chapter Manager. GCSANC Executive Secretary **Barbara Mikel** is currently the interim State Manager.
- ◆ **Bob Costa**, who is serving as the GCSANC Chapter Delegate, suggested that the September monthly meeting at Fort Ord be devoted to a discussion on PDI. The meeting format would be similar the town hall discussion at Conference and Show and possibly include **Bruce Williams** and **Ray Davies** as panel members.
- ◆ **Gary Carls** proposed a change in the 2001 meeting schedule that would feature fewer monthly meetings during the summer. **Bob Costa** recommended that one "open date" be reserved exclusively for Assistant Superintendents. There was also much discussion about altering the format of the Superintendent/Pro event in light of this year's disappointing turnout.

Quick Quote

"This is the essence of strategic architecture; to encourage initiative, reward a well-played stroke and yet to insist that there must be planning and honest self-appraisal behind the daring."

— Robert Trent Jones Sr. —



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