

2009 GIS – NEW ORLEANS

Is it too soon to begin planning for the 2009 Golf Industry Show? It's never too soon to begin planning for what should be a fantastic return trip to New Orleans. On April 3rd and 4th I attended the Conference Logistics Committee meeting in New Orleans. It was a great chance to hear from the New Orleans Convention Bureau about all the progress that has been made to restore the majority of New Orleans to its pre-Katrina condition.

The GIS always presents a wide variety of educational opportunities but it wouldn't be complete without taking in some of the local highlights. New Orleans offers world class dining and entertainment and we are all familiar with the fantastic nightlife. However the city offers a great deal more than night time activities. The city is very proud of their new Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, the World War II Museum and of course the Riverfront shopping mall.

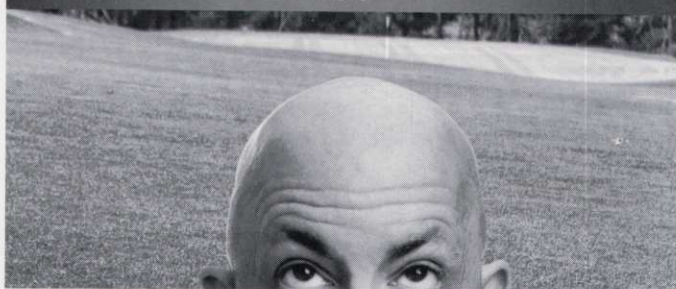
For more information on what New Orleans has to offer check out the New Orleans Convention Bureau website at www.foreverneworleans.com.

POWERS RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Timothy P. Powers, CGCS at Crystal Springs Golf Course, has earned an Environmental Management Specialist certificate from the GCSAA for completing specialization programs in Habitat Development and Management and Water Quality and Application. With the completion of these programs, Powers has completed all six of the specializations in the GCSA Environmental Management Program. Powers becomes one of only 30 superintendents who have completed all six specializations.

GCSAA is addressing the environmental impact of golf course management and the increasingly complex training needs of golf course superintendents by offering specialized training through its Environmental Management Program (EMP). GCSAA's EMP consists of six specialized certification programs: Integrated Pest Management; Habitat Development and Management; Employee Safety and Right-to-Know; Water Quality and Application; Golf Course Development; and Storage, Disposal and Recycling. For more information on GCSAA's education programs, visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org

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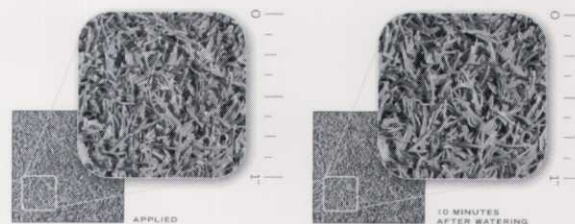
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