The recently concluded 58th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Trade Show of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) was the largest in the Association’s history. The Conference and Show, held in Phoenix, January 26 - Feb. 2, 1987, broke records in attendance (12,588); number of educational seminars (29); number of exhibitors (331); and amount of exhibit space (108,500 net square feet).

The conference began with educational seminars – almost 400 hours were offered throughout the eight days of the conference – and ended with more educational seminars, sessions and special events. Among the highlights of the conference week activities were award presentations, personal appearances of famous speakers, a huge trade show, a gala banquet with big-name entertainment, allied golf association seminars and more educational programs.

Twenty-nine educational seminars were presented by 44 instructors to over 1,500 students earning continuing education units (CEUs). Seven of the 29 seminars were new to GCSAA programming.

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The Opening Session speaker on January 29 was National Football League Hall of Fame quarterback and former Green Bay Packers Coach, Bart Starr. Following Starr’s comments, GSCAA President Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, presented the Association’s prestigious Distinguished Service Award to Dr. James R. Love, Wisconsin, and David S. Gourlay, Sr., Canada. Stottern also presented GCSAA’s Leo Feser Award to David Harmon, superintendent at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, Virginia, for his contribution to Golf Course Management magazine.

Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, board member and chairman of the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Committee, presented seven students with financial aid scholarships to assist in their pursuit of turfgrass management careers.

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