Turfgrass Show Prepares To Pack Huge D.C. Hotel

With delegates expected to occupy more than 1,000 rooms in the huge Washington (D.C.) Hilton Hotel, final preparations are underway for the 38th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, Feb. 5-10.

Sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America, the super-show will offer more than 20,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, with the largest assemblage of turf gear ever put together. Along with demonstrations and workshops on equipment maintenance, seven educational sessions will be held during the six-day meet. Of particular interest to many WTT readers will be Tuesday morning’s session, scheduled to present latest advances in turf research. A complete sod program has been set for Thursday afternoon.

Advance registration forms can be obtained by writing GCSSA headquarters, 3158 Des Plaines Avenue, Des Plaines, Ill., 60018. Requests for hotel reservations, however, should be directed to GCSSA Housing Bureau, c/o Washington Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1616 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

New Webworm Reported At Central Plains Turf Meet

A new sod webworm, which has been attacking Kansas buffalograss, was reported at the opening session of the recent 17th Central Plains Turfgrass conference at Kansas State University, by Dr. Hugh Thompson, KSU entomologist.

Unlike most webworms, this still-unidentified species tunnels as deep as 18 in. into the soil, leaving behind holes about ¾ in. in diameter. As many as 66 caterpillars have been found in a cubic foot of soil. Full-grown larvae are unusually large, about 1½ in. long. No insecticide tested has satisfactorily controlled this pest of buffalograss, which is widely used in southern Kansas for fairways, recreational areas, and lawns.

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Officers of the Central Plains Turfgrass Foundation, conference sponsor, were also chosen for the coming year. Ellary Bennett, St. Joseph, Mo., is new president; Tom Andrews, Salina, Kans., becomes vice president; and Dr. Ray Keen, KSU professor of horticulture, remains as secretary-treasurer. Foundation directors are Cecil Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Cedric Johnston, Wichita, Kans.; and Ross McCausland, Jr., Wichita.

Hub States Offers Knock-Out

"Knock-Out," a new weed killer with 2% bromacil has just been introduced by Hub States Chemical and Equipment Co.

Granular Knock-Out can be spread with a crank-operated distributor, or fertilizer-type spreader, or it can be spread by hand if desired. Recommended application rate is ½ to 2 lbs. per 100 sq. ft., depending on the type of weeds, amount of rainfall, and length of residual toxicity desired, the formulator claims. For further details, write Hub States Chemical and Equipment Co., 2002 North Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.