

TEE SHOTS

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA 1974 CONFERENCE AND SHOW, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

The name Anaheim has a surprising Teutonic ring in an area not far from Mexico. But surprise does not stop there. My bedroom in the Disneyland Hotel overlooked 110 acres of car park, a monorail station, three lines of electricity pylons and a banana tree.

This plantain figured frequently in the tropical landscape surrounding the hotel and tended by a Dane from the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen. Surprise again!

The American golf course superintendent must however either be more accustomed to these distractions or more dedicated to the job in hand. There was no lack of attendance at the six educational assemblies which

provided the meat in the GCSAA 45th International Turfgrass Conference and Show from February 10th to 15th. But this for once was no surprise.

Speakers well-known on both sides of the Atlantic punctuated the programme — Dr. Fred Gray, Bob Mitchell, Tom Mascaro, Alexander Radko—to name only a few. Frank Lamphier, after recovering from a sore throat, talked about the Ransomes' International Tournament and the B.G.G.A. Symposium at Ipswich in October with a series of slides about the trip. Excellent colour slides also illustrated a lecture by Tom Mascaro, who was so impressive at that symposium, and had lost none of his polish meanwhile.

The Exhibition seemed bigger than ever. Certainly there were more Ransomes' 5/7 Hydraulic gangs on view than last year at Boston and every other conceivable machine was to be seen.

I spoke to Dick Skogley from Rhode Island (who will be back in Europe on a sabbatical this year) Leon St. Pierre from the New England G.C.S.A., and David Gourlay, President of the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association. I also saw several visitors from New Zealand and Guy Catchpole, Ransomes' General Marketing Manager. Clifford Wagoner finished his presidential year of office in great style and I was grateful to him and the G.C.S.A.A. for their hospitality.



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