

MID-AM CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

For the tenth consecutive year, the Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show will host the midwest's largest horticultural exposition, featuring the goods and services of suppliers from throughout the nation.

Mid-Am/83 will be held January 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, offering buyers the chance to inspect the products of suppliers occupying more than 400 booths and covering more than 40,000 square feet.

It is anticipated that more than 7,000 buyers will attend Mid-Am/83, purchasing more than \$2 million worth of plant materials, stock, heavy equipment, chemicals, soil conditioners, communication systems, ornamentals, tools, data processing systems and a vast array of other products.

Buyers who will attend the show will include landscape architects, contractors, nurserymen, garden center operators, florists and many other horticultural professionals.

For more information about the show contact Mid-Am/83, 4300-L Lincoln Avenue, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, (312)359-8160.

USGA STILL WEIGHING DECISION ON MOVE TO ATLANTA

ATLANTA, GA., APRIL 7 -- The United States Golf Association is still weighing a decision on whether to move its offices, museum and library from New Jersey to the Atlanta area.

The USGA Executive Committee, concluding two days of meetings at a hotel near the Atlanta Airport, did not vote on moving the Association's headquarters from Far Hills, N.J., to one of several possible sites in suburban Atlanta.

Golf's governing body did rule out a possible move to the Kate Macy Ladd Home in Peapack, N.J., several miles from its present location. No vote was taken on the remaining options.

"We had an excellent presentation from the Atlanta people and a fine proposal from the New Jersey group," said USGA President William C. Campbell of Huntington, W. Va. "Both groups have made it clear they want the USGA very much and we feel we could be happy and perform our functions at either location still under consideration, but there are some questions to be answered before a final decision can be made.

"We made good progress the last two days and we will make a final decision at our next regularly scheduled meeting in June, if not sooner," Campbell said.

The USGA Executive Committee will meet the week prior to the U.S. Open, which will be played June 17-20 at the Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links.

The Association must decide whether to build a new museum, library and offices in suburban Atlanta or build an office building in Far Hills, retaining its present facilities for the museum and library.

The present Golf House is a 19-room building on a 62-acre estate. The USGA, which was founded in 1894, moved from New York City to its present location, about 30 miles west of the city, in 1972. Since that time, the size of the staff has doubled from 41 to 82 people, forcing the USGA to lease space in three buildings near Far Hills.

"We will have to raise substantial funds to build new facilities, regardless of the location," Campbell said.

United States Golf Association

Dr. Fred V. Grau, president of the Musser Foundation, announces the formation of an expanded Board of Advisers which will assist the Board of Directors to formulate policies and programs. Geographical areas are strategically represented as well as a wide range of turfgrass disciplines.

The names read like a "Who's Who" in turfgrass research management and education.

Chas. Bowen, Paine Webber-investments

Wm. Burdick, golf course management

Dr. Jack Butter, Rocky Mt. turf

Hugh Chronister, publications

Joseph Gambatese, golf writer

Dr. Henry W. Indyk, sod industry

Dan Jones, Florida Green

Dr. Nichole O'Neill, USDA, plant pathology

A. M. Radko, golf industry

Dr. Eliot Roberts, Director, the Lawn Institute

Dr. Robert C. Shearman, Midwest and Plains turf

Alan Shuler, Executive Director, PGMS

George Toma, Sports turf (K.C. Chiefs & Royals)

Keith W. Weidler, Lawn Industry

Dr. V. B. Youngner, Western turf

The established sound judgment of these individuals, together with their broad experience, will provide a range of views and opinions that will yield calculable benefit to the Musser Board of Directors in assessing the needs of the turfgrass industry. "It is with considerable pride that we release this list of advisers," said Dr. Grau. "It is a step in the right direction in bringing all turfgrass disciplines together to cooperate for the common good. Identity of organizations will be enhanced - not diluted."

**Fred V. Grau, President
The Musser Foundation**

Dear Ray;

I was wondering whether or not through your newsletter you could help the USGA Green Section out with a problem. As you know, we had a booth at the recent North Central Turf Expo held at the Arlington Park Hilton. While at the booth, a number of golf course superintendents came up to us and asked us for various materials, letters, information, etc. All these requests were jotted down so that when we returned to the office, we could follow up on these requests from superintendents. This is our normal procedure following a conference. Unfortunately, after the conference was over and our booth was packed up (along with all these notes), it was, quite literally, thrown out by the clean-up men. That's right ... they threw everything out from our booth!

Besides the material loss, which can always be made up, we lost all these valuable notes and requests, which unfortunately can't be replaced. Therefore, could you publish a notice in your newsletter asking any golf course superintendent who requested anything from us during the North Central Turf Expo to give my office a call at 815-459-3731, as we would be more than happy to fill their requests. We certainly don't want to disappoint anyone, but under the circumstances, there is little else we can do.

Oh, well, I guess you must live and learn. The next time we have a booth, rest assured that my secretary, Lin, will perch herself on top of the boxes and defend them with her life! Best personal regards and hope this note finds you well.

**Stan Zontek
North Central Director
USGA**