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President's Message



Ray Schmitz

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Convention held in New Orleans was a tremendous success. Over 17,000 people were in attendance and the weather couldn't have been more perfect for the middle of February.

Bruce Williams was elected to a new two year term to the board of directors of GCSAA. He received more votes than all of the other candidates running for director, congratulations Bruce! A strong showing indeed.

At the convention, there were many GCSAA sponsored seminars available to the attendees. The seminar I was able to participate in was entitled "Maximizing Disease Control Efforts" taught by Dr. Houston Couch and Dr. Phil Larson. The main theme of the seminar was instruction on use of the proper chemical for the target pest, selection of proper equipment, and guidelines on how to make the application properly. These are things we have all heard before but a little refresher on this important subject never hurts. There was a brief discussion regarding new chemicals on the horizon and the Sandoz Company is testing a broad spectrum fungicide called Sentinal that has shown outstanding disease control in turf plots.

Good news on the golf scene at the GCSAA Championship held in Florida. There were both team and individual winners from the MAGCS. The exact details can be found in a separate article in this issue of the **Bull Sheet**.

The MAGCS Hospitality Room, thanks to the effort of Dave and Penny Meyer was a star attraction. The room was well attended all three nights and the facilities were outstanding. The purpose of the room is to provide a central place during the convention where friends can meet, make plans, and share convention experiences. The room was sponsored by a host of commercial members and the MAGCS. Without the generous donations by the commercial sector this hospitality room would not be possible.

April is again an important month for meetings. Two that I would like to mention are the MAGCS monthly meeting April 13th at Village Links and a USGA Seminar April 16th at Medinal C.C. Hope to see you there.

Ray Schmitz
President, MAGCS