

The MAGCS Board will meet on August 2, 2006. Items on the agenda include the Turf Clinic, the GCSAA Chapter Delegates meeting in September, a dues increase, and planning for the 2007 Hospitality Reception in Anaheim. Look for an update next month.

Green Industry Association News-

The Green Industry Association (GIA) met on July 13, 2006 at the Midwest Golf House in Lemont. Representatives were asked to report on projects or items that the group should begin to focus upon in the future. Water was on everyone's list, followed by government regulations, trained labor pool, education and research. The group formed a water task group (I'm on it) and will meet in the middle of August. The final phase of the second survey will be complete in January 2007. If you are interested in the initial results, please contact me. The GIA decided a third survey is not needed in the immediate future.

PGA of America offers free entry to GCSAA members

The PGA of America is offering complimentary grounds admission to the PGA Championship to some GCSAA members. The PGA Championship is being held Aug. 14-20 at Medinah Country Club, in Medinah, Ill. GCSAA Class AA, Class A, Class A-Retired, Superintendent Member and Superintendent Member-Retired members, along with their spouses, are eligible. Members must present a current gold membership card and photo identification. Spouses must also present a photo ID. Members are asked to present proper identification at the will call trailer, which will be located at the main admissions gate.

ITF Field Day Slated for September 14, 2006 at Midwest Golf House

Keep this day open, research and demonstration will be shown on the following topics and more: Blue Grama grass - a new choice for un-mown roughs, organic fertilizer trials, fungicide trials, mesotrione, (proposed trade

name Outplay for control of various weeds), screening broadleaf herbicide phytotoxicity on creeping bentgrass, moss control, and equipment demonstrations on the golf course.

Technician School and Training

Illinois Central College is evaluating the need to establish a regional program for training outdoor power technicians for the golf course and landscape industry. I was contacted for input from the golf course industry. If it works, the program will be supported by major manufacturers of engines and equipment in the two industries. The program currently being considered is a two-year associate degree. Also considered, are week-long programs where current employees may gain additional training on topics specific to their profession. It is expected that students will work with state-of-the-art equipment and tools. The curriculum would include both technical and business topics. This could be a good benefit to our industry, but it will have to be marketed well to be successful.

GCSAA Request

The Environmental Institute for Golf is funding a research project that will benefit us all, "A Critical Review of Water Quality Impacts by Golf Courses: Update and Trends." The USGA is cosponsoring this effort, which is a continuation of a previous national assessment published in *Golf Course Management* (November, 1997) and the *Journal of Environmental Quality*.

This project is intended to acquire as much data as possible from golf courses that are conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects. The intent of the study, conducted by Environmental & Turf Services, Inc., Wheaton, MD, with Dr. Stuart Cohen as principal investigator, is to publish a critical review of the quality of surface and ground water as affected by golf courses. Such data are very important to accurately assess the ecological implications of land use planning regarding the construction and maintenance of golf course facilities. This information can also have implications for pesticide registration decisions. Most important, the results of this study will give important feedback to superintendents who not only manage their courses, but who live in the environment. Target analytes are pesticides, pesticide metabolites, nitrate, and phosphorus.

We need your help. If your golf course is conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects or have in the past and you are willing to share the data, please contact Juleen Lam at: Environmental & Turf Services, Inc., 11141 Georgia Avenue, Suite 208, Wheaton, MD 20902, Phone: (301) 933-4700, Fax: (301) 933-470, JuleenLam@aol.com

We would like to have the water quality data as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2006. Data from individual golf courses will be held in confidence. Only aggregate data will be presented. Our goal is to ensure that golf courses contribute to a healthy environment.



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