

Letter: Taking Care Of Some Old Business

Dear Tom:

As chairman of the GCSAA Tournament Committee, I am in receipt of your recent article (Editorial-Spring '94 issue) relating to the GCSAA Championship. Please allow me to respond to your concerns involving the event.

As you know, the committee system has been reinstated at GCSAA. On the agenda at this spring's Tournament Committee meeting was the subject of alternate times to hold the annual championship. I think it is safe to say that those present were in agreement to investigate various options concerning the timing of the event. In no way does the committee ever expect to satisfy 100% of our membership. We do, however, desire to provide a quality event for those involved.

The idea of holding the event at a different time of the year or even utilizing a different format is not new. These issues have been discussed for years. I

will make sure that your concerns are forwarded to all committee members, the GCSAA Board of Directors, and the GCSAA Tournament Director.

There are a number of changes in store for this year's event. If you are interested in knowing more about them, feel free to contact me.

Best regards,
Tommy Witt, CGCS
GCSAA Tournament Chairman

Tom Benefield, former Editor, responds:

To me, the important aspect of Tommy's reply is that "the committee has been discussing these issues for years," but not actively taking measures for change.

The present format effectively eliminates 97% of the membership from participating in "their" tournament!

The time to act is now!

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and think about the industry. If you feel strongly enough about your profession, then make a call or write a letter when one of these controversies arises.

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