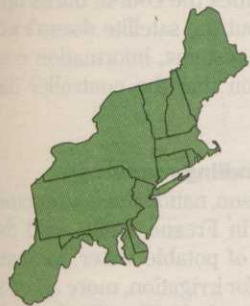


REGIONAL NEWS



Northeast

Environmental information

New Jersey's Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute has established a toll-free public information telephone service called Right To Know INFOsource to answer questions on environmental and occupational health hazards.

Trained staff will answer calls at 1-800-843-0054 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

They will respond to questions about:

- health effects and safe handling of chemicals, substances or products;
- media, government and industry reports;
- Right to Know information such as toxic chemical release inventory reports, hazard warning labels, and material safety data sheets; and
- sources of additional information.

The New Jersey Business Roundtable, composed of 20 of the state's leading corporations, is funding INFOsource after recognizing industry's need to help the public understand raw information on toxic chemicals.

W. Virginia fund-raiser

The West Virginia GCSA raised more than \$11,000 at its annual Turfgrass Research and Scholarship Fund-raiser Golf Tournament held this summer at Edgewood Country Club near Charleston, W.Va.

Grants and scholarships that will be disbursed from the money will be announced at the association's first conference and show on Oct. 29-31 outside Ripley.

Tournament Chairman **Chuck Murray** said: "The support that we received from our commercial sponsors was extremely gratifying, as was the response from our membership and our statewide golf community. Cooperation from the West Virginia Golf Association and the West Virginia PGA in scheduling their tournaments around our date was a key element in exceeding our \$10,000 goal."

Regional PGA awards

The New England Section of PGA of America has announced its 1990 award winners, all of whom have been nominated for national awards in their categories.

They are Professional of the Year **Tom Tetrault**, head pro at Fall River (Mass.) Country Club, William Strausbaugh Award winner **Kurt Sokolowski**, head pro at Pine Brook Country Club in Weston,

Mass.; Horton Smith Award winner **Steve Sewell**, head pro at Kernwood Country Club in Salem, Mass.; Teacher of the Year **Bob Miller**, head pro at Blue Rock Golf Club in South Sandwich, Mass; and Junior Promoter of the Year **Jack Neville**, head pro at Ponkapoag Golf Club in Canton, Mass.



Mountains

IGCSA eyes changes

The Intermountain GCSA has made by-law changes in member classifications and taken steps to become more visible to the golfing public.

President **Steve Budge** said the by-law change requires each member to earn a minimum of five "education points" each year to retain a class "A" status in the association. Other classifications are B, C, D, and Inactive. Budge said the move has "significantly increased interest and activity at monthly meetings.

Dr. James Beard of Texas A&M University will speak at the IGCSA annual meeting Nov. 14-16 in St. George, Utah. The conference will culminate with a golf tournament. More information is available from Budge at 801-377-8228.



West

Education top draw

Three tracts of educational seminars will highlight the Pacific Coast Turf and Landscape Conference and Trade Show, Dec. 12-13 at the Seattle (Wash.) Center.

The seminars will deal with up-to-date industry techniques and theory on pesticide issues, equipment servicing, and landscape and turf care. Washington Pesticide Recertification credits will be available.

More than 60 industry suppliers and distributors will have displays at the show, which is sponsored by the Western Washington GCSA, Washington State University Cooperative Extension and Jones and Associates. Contact Jones and Associates at Park Center Bldg., Suite 200, N. 908 Howard St., Spokane, Wash. 99201-2261; 800-729-5904.



Southeast

Florida GCSA officers

Ray Hansen of Del Aire Country Club has been elected president of the Florida GCSA. Other officers are Vice President **Tom Benefield** of JDM Country Club; Secretary-Treasurer **Mark Jarrell** of Palm Beach National Country Club; and Immediate Past President **Joel Jackson** of Isleworth Country Club.

Ground water study

The Florida GCSA in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Regulation, U.S. Geological Survey and Florida Turfgrass Association, will undertake a ground water study to monitor the effects of effluent irrigation.

The study will pair two golf courses in the state's southwest, west coast and central regions. Four test wells will be located on each of the six courses.

In each of the pairings one of the courses will use effluent irrigation water and the other will use deep well or surface water.

Courses with similar management programs will be selected. Samples will be drawn and tested to check for infiltration of pesticides and nutrients.

The superintendents were "eager to join with DER and the USGS to find out how our Florida soils were responding to our turf management programs," said Florida GCSA Immediate Past President **Joel Jackson** of Isleworth Country Club.

Recent DER tests of wells at Palm Beach National Country Club showed no detectable levels of pesticides in ground water samples. The news came in the wake of results showing no hazardous levels of chemicals in the sandy soils of three golf courses on Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

Big Bend Chapter joins

The Florida GCSA has welcomed the Big Bend Chapter into the association. The chapter is based in the Tallahassee area. The nine regional chapters in the state are Big Bend, North Florida, Central Florida, Treasure Coast, Palm Beach, South Florida, Everglades, Suncoast and West Coast.

Downing honored

Kevin Downing of Willoughby Country Club was presented the Florida GCSA's Distinguished Service Award at the 14th annual Crowfoot Open in Orlando. A past president of the association, Downing has served on numerous committees of the Golf Course Superintendents of America and Florida Turfgrass Association.

The association also honored several of its pioneers and founders. It presented President's and Lifetime Service awards to **Bud Quandt** of the Pasadena Yacht and

Country Club in St. Petersburg; **Carl McKinney**, retired from the Palm Beach Chapter; **Paul Turcotte**, retired from the South Florida Chapter; **Bob Sanderson** of Del Tura Country Club in Port Charlotte; and **Adam Yurigan** of Hawks Nest Golf Club in Vero Beach.



North Central

Heart of America nominees

As its Nov. 13 annual meeting approaches, the Heart of America GCSA is accepting nominees for officers and directors, and for the annual Mendenhall and Superintendent of the Year awards.

The Superintendent of the Year Award goes to a HAGCSA golf course superintendent whose course is considered in a high quality of maintenance and who is active in the association. The Mendenhall Award is presented to an individual whose contributions have greatly benefited the group.

People should submit names for the awards to a HAGCSA board member, and nominations for officers to **Dave Fearis** at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo. telephone 816-942-1167.

Missouri conference

Reports on the grass clippings recycling campaign "Don't Bag It" and the latest in turf management and pest control will highlight the 30th annual Missouri Lawn and Turf Conference in St. Louis, Dec. 10-12.

Dr. Eliot Roberts, director of the Lawn Institute who was at the first conference in 1960, will speak on "The Turfgrass Industry Then (1960) and Now (1990)."

After the first day, which will be devoted to workshops, the next two days' sessions will be devoted to golf course construction, fertility, black layer on greens and Zoysiagrass, lawn care forecast for the 1990s, employee motivation and safety, thatch, pesticides, biostimulants and the new tall fescues, athletic field seeding, disease control and soil stabilization.

Junior college turf program

Kansas City area junior colleges are offering night courses on a wide range of turf subjects, following successful spring courses on pesticides at Johnson County and Longview community colleges.

The turf program, being supported by the Heart of America GCSA, includes botany, turfgrass management I and II, soils, general chemistry, irrigation and installation, plant identification I and II, pest management, turf/ornamentals, landscape design, ecology and horticulture.

More information is available from HAGCSA President **Kal Horvath** at 913-648-4484.

North Central Expo

A solid schedule of turfgrass management topics, including environmental and legislative issues critical to Illinois, will be featured at North

Central Turfgrass Exposition '90, Dec. 4-6 in Springfield, Ill.

Among speakers Dec. 4 are **Dr. Joseph Vargas Jr.** of Michigan State University, discussing "Patch Diseases and Problems with Sand Topdressing"; **Dr. Hank Wilkinson**, associate professor in the University of Illinois Department of Plant Pathology, who will explain "Fertility Testing with Infrared Spectrometry"; Eagle Ridge Golf Course superintendent **Robert Graunke**, discussing "Hazardous Communications Programs."

Also, **Dick Wohlgemuth** of Bristol Gardens will talk on ornamental grasses, **Dr. Clark Throssel** of Purdue University Department of Agronomy will speak on management for heat stress, **Dr. Milt Engelke** of Texas A&M Research Center will explain expanded use of Zoysiagrass, and **Dr. Kenneth Diesburg** of the Southern Illinois University Department of Plant and Soil Science will explore tee management by species.

Wednesday's program will center on mechanics, sod topics, environmental concerns and lawn care.

Contact the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, 435 North Michigan Ave., Suite 1717, Chicago, Ill. 60611.



South Central

'Don't Bag It' cited

"Don't Bag It," a lawn-care program that reduces yard waste going into landfills by recycling grass clippings, has earned the Environmental Protection Agency's award of excellence for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dallas.

More than 35 cities in Texas have adopted the program since it was devised by **Dr. Bill Knoop**, turfgrass specialist with the Extension Service in Dallas, and piloted by the Tarrant County Extension Office and city of Fort Worth.

The program includes specific instructions for mowing, fertilizing and watering. While it calls for more frequent mowing, studies showed that participants spent 35 percent less time mowing.

"The important thing about 'Don't Bag It' is that people who want to make a difference in preserving the environment can do something that works — and do it immediately without spending a lot of time or money," Knoop said.

During summer months, grass clippings increase the volume of solid waste going into landfills by 20 to 25 percent, and landfill space is disappearing at an alarming rate nationwide, he said.

Fort Worth city officials estimate the program prevented about 25,000 bags of clippings from going into the landfill last year.

Knoop and County Extension agent **Bob Whitney**, who directed the Fort Worth program, accepted the EPA award for solid waste management at a ceremony in Austin.

Superintendents associations and others are invited to send news stories to: *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, ME 04096.