

# GCSAA's 63rd int'l conference targets pesticides, wildlife

## Nat'l pesticide control spokesman, others to take part in panel...

NEW ORLEANS—Perspectives on and perceptions of pesticide use on golf courses will be the theme of an Environmental General Session, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, as part of the 63rd International Golf Course Conference and Show. The session will feature three presentations.

Jay Feldman, national coordina-

tor of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, will outline his group's concerns about urban pesticide use.

John Stossel, ABC-TV's "20/20" correspondent, will address issues related to how the media perceive and report on the pros and cons of pesticide use, and how that influences the public's perception.

Victor Kimm, the Environmental Protection Agency's deputy assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances, will provide a regulatory viewpoint and explain

the agency's pollution prevention program and strategy regarding pesticides in groundwater.

A panel question-and-answer forum will follow the presentations.

GCSAA President Stephen G. Cadenelli said: "There aren't many opportunities, in a single two-hour session, to hear a leader of a national anti-pesticide group, an Emmy-winning environmental news correspondent and a high-ranking regulatory official talk about their views on the complicated issue of pesticide use. This should be an

extremely interesting and highly educational exchange."

Feldman is one of the founders of NCAMP, an organization formed in 1981 and dedicated to generating public awareness of the health and environmental risks of pesticides and promoting alternative pest management strategies that reduce or eliminate a reliance on pesticides.

The National Environmental Development Association honored Stossel last year for balance and fairness in journalism. He also has been honored five times by the

National Press Club for excellence in consumer reporting, and is the recipient of 17 Emmy Awards.

Kimm joined EPA in 1971 and spent 10 years as head of the agency's drinking water program before becoming deputy assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances in 1985. His professional career is divided between the management of environmental programs at EPA and consulting engineering work.

The 1992 conference and show will be held Feb. 10-17.

## ... while wildlife habitat opportunities explained

NEW ORLEANS — Learning how to create and enhance wildlife habitats on golf courses is one of the educational opportunities headlining the International Golf Course Conference and Show, Feb. 10-17, here.

The event will feature more than 60 continuing education seminars and sessions, many of which will be geared toward the environment.

One educational opportunity is a new seminar entitled, "Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation."

The seminar, developed by GCSAA in cooperation with the Audubon Society of New York, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the New Orleans Convention Center.

Ron Dodson, president of the Audubon Society of New York, will be the lead instructor for the one-day seminar.

Topics to be discussed include:

- how to use more native and naturalized plants to attract birds and wildlife to a course;
- how to increase the populations of insect-eating birds and wildlife on a course by constructing nest boxes and implementing other wildlife enhancement methods;
- how to incorporate insect-eating species into an overall integrated pest management strategy;
- how to implement water conservation and wetland conservation techniques; and
- how wildlife fits into the urban/suburban environment, and how to identify and promote wildlife species on a course.

The ASNY also is cooperating with the U.S. Golf Association on a sanctuary program for golf courses.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program offers advice on how to take an active role in environmental conservation and become involved in a program that will benefit the environment as well as the game of golf.

Other seminars and sessions during the conference and show that will be aimed at assisting superintendents' environmental efforts will cover such subjects as protection of water resources, introduction to integrated pest management, conserving irrigation supplies, hazard communication, use of organic fertilizers and practical environmental responsibility.



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