

Mountains



LAWN CARE CONFERENCE

The Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals will host the 3rd Annual Spring Training Conference and "Hands-on" Workshops, March 13, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden.

The association has applied for recertification in all agricultural categories from the state Department of Agriculture.

COLORADO LAWN CARE ELECTIONS

Tom Tolkacz of Swingle Tree Co. has been elected president of the Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals.

Joining Tolkacz as officers are Vice President Duane Moll of Horticulture Concepts and Secretary-Treasurer Steve C. Hyland of Hyland Brothers Lawn Care.

Directors are Dr. Whitney Cranshaw of Colorado State University, Donette Faulk of SAJ Turf Products, Ed Gollaher of Liqui-Lawn, Dan Oldfield of Lawn Doctor of Arvada/Wheat Ridge, Gary Schmunk of Helena Chemical Co., and Gary Vitt of Lawn Doctor of Colorado Springs/Pueblo.

West



ROLLIN ELECTED

Western Washington GCSA members have elected a slate of officers led by Vern Rollin of West Seattle Golf Course.

Also elected were Vice President Greg

Hall of Rainier Golf and Country Club in Seattle, Treasurer Earl Steen of Lake Spanaway Golf Course in Tacoma; Secretary Mark Cupit of Canterwood Golf and Country Club in Gig Harbor; and Directors Ed Phelps of Legion Memorial Golf Course in Lake Stevens and Barry Galde of Walter Hall Golf Course in Marysville.

Randy White of Everett Golf and Country Club in Freeland is immediate past president and Tom Fields of Olympia is executive secretary.

TOUGH WINTER IN NORTHWEST

Western Washington superintendents are pulling themselves out of one of the most severe winters in memory, according to Randy White, superintendent at Everett Golf and Country Club in Freeland.

"Reports of floods, wind damage to trees and extensive desiccation of turf are common," White said. "It appears many superintendents will be reseeding or resodding portions of their courses this spring."

White reported that winds of more than 70 miles per hour combined with single-digit temperatures and little or no snow cover to cause damage.

"This is acceptable in some areas of the States, if the turf is dormant," he said, "but courses in western Washington are in play 12 months in most years and the predominant grass is poa annua."

South Central



TEXAS WEATHER FINE

Texas golf courses, many of which were devastated by winter kill last spring following an unusually harsh winter, reportedly are in "great shape" this year.

Galveston Island Municipal Golf Course professional Bruce Rodysill told the Galveston Daily News, "The weather is great, the golf course is in great shape and we're having a great time."

The weather had been so warm at Christmastime that Director of Golf Don Hubbell said, "We're getting quite a few people out here who usually get a cart but are walking instead."

The winter freeze of 1989-90 caused mil-

lions of dollars of damage to Texas courses. Many superintendents bought greens covers to protect their courses this winter.

Southeast



GOLF DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Golf Day 1991, scheduled May 25, is projected to exceed \$25,000.

The inaugural statewide event last year topped \$11,000.

Golf Day's purpose is to promote turfgrass research.

Said Brad Kocher, state chairman and director of golf course and grounds maintenance for Pinehurst Hotel & Country Club: "The Turfgrass Council of North Carolina has embarked on this effort to improve the quality of turfgrass in the state by requesting those who benefit the most from improved golf turf — the golfers — to contribute \$1."

Corporations that derive their business from golf also were asked to contribute funds based on their numbers of golfers on a given day.

WEST VIRGINIA OFFICERS NAMED

John C. Cummings of Berry Hills Country Club in Charleston, is the new president of the West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

Charles A. Murray of Edgewood Country Club in Charleston is vice president, and Arthur R. Casto Sr. of Kanawha County Parks and Recreation Department in Charleston is secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Carl Buttrey of St. Mary's Golf Course; Troy Chandler of Roane County Country Club in Spencer; Charles R. Knight of Sistersville Country Club; Gary Roush of Riverside Golf Course in Mason; Richard A. Piatnek of Tri-Star Soils, Inc., in Bruceton Mills.

Also, Dr. John F. Baniecki of West Virginia University Extension Service in Morgantown; and past president Howard H. Lott of Bridgeport Country Club.

Directors' expansion is reflected in the addition of Piatnek, from the commercial segment of the industry, and Baniecki, from the university or research field. Superintendents believe their presence will enhance ability to provide services and programs for membership into the next decade.

GEORGIA OFFICERS ELECTED

Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association members have elected a slate of officers headed by President Mark Hoban of The Standard Club in Duluth.

William Shirley of Idle Hour Golf Club in Macon was elected vice president, while new members of the board of directors are Mike Hamilton of Lanier Golf Course in Cumming, Mike Martin of Olde Atlanta Golf Course in Cumming, Paul Petrie of Pinetree Country Club in Kennesaw and Bob Perry of Griffin Country Club.

Other directors are Immediate Past President Steve Davis of Nob North Golf Course in Cohutta, Mark Esoda of Atlanta Country Club in Marietta, Ralph Hinz of Savannah and Chuck Underwood of Northwood Golf and Country Club in Lawrenceville.

North Central



HEART OF AMERICA ELECTS BREEDLOVE

Loren Breedlove of Kansas City Country Club in Mission, Kan., has been elected president of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Ed Huggins of Indian Hills Country Club in Mission, was presented the Superintendent of the Year award, while Dave Fearis of Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City received the Mendenhall Award.

Claude Ferguson of Liberty Hills Country Club in Liberty, Mo., joined the slate of officers as vice president and Duane Patton of Lawrence (Kan.) Country Club as secretary-treasurer. Kal Horvath of Brookridge Country Club in Overland Park, Kan., is past president.

Directors are Jeff Elmer of Lakewood Oaks Country Club in Lee's Summit, Mo.; Pat Finlen of Quivera Lake Country Club in Lake Quivera, Kan.; John Francis of Country Club of Blue Springs, Mo.; Chuck Hybl of Hillcrest Country Club in Kansas City, Mo.

Also, Terry Rodenberg of St. Andrews Golf Course in Overland Park; Tye Heidbreder of Kansas City Country Club; Jim Heinze of Champion Turf Equipment in Kansas City; and Tom Kohout of E-Z-Go Textron, Olathe, Kan.

Ferguson, chairman of the association's scholarship and research committee, reported raising \$25,000 in 1990.

The association gave the University of Missouri, Columbia, \$10,000 for a study on managing perennial ryegrass for environmental stress resistance on golf course fairways in the transition area.

It also presented Kansas State University \$10,000 for a zoysia patch disease study and a new research building at the Rocky Ford Research Area.

Five students at the two universities were awarded a total of \$3,000, and \$2,000 went to the GCSAA for scholarship and research.

MID-AM SETS RECORD

Officials of the Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show report attendance records set by the Jan. 17-19 event in Chicago.

Attendance reached 8,654 growers, landscape professionals, suppliers, retailers and others, according to Mid-Am President Richard Schwarz.

Schwarz said the change to a Thursday-through-Saturday schedule helped improve crowds.

The show is sponsored by the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Illinois Nurserymen's Association and Wisconsin Landscape Federation.

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