

Show Update

GCSAA predicts 16,000-17,000 for Dallas show

DALLAS — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) predicts that 16,000 to 17,000 people will attend its 65th International Golf Course Conference and Show here, Jan. 31 to Feb. 7.

More than 70 educational seminars, sessions and forums will be featured, along with a three-day trade show, and banquet featuring the Oak Ridge Boys and Crystal Gayle.

Nearly 60 one- and two-day seminars are scheduled to be held between Jan. 31 to Feb. 3.

Among those golf industry associations to conduct educational sessions are The American Society of Golf Course Architects, Golf Course Builders Association of America and the U.S. Golf Association Green Section.

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The GCSAA will extend complimentary registration to the event to first-time members.

If you aren't a first-time member, "Early bird" discounts are still available for the conference — but the offer expires Oct. 15. Members are urged to take advantage, saving money on items from registration to seminars to the banquet and social program.

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Oct. 15 is also the deadline for entries into the GCSAA's annual Chapter Publications Contest. The entries are peer-judged and winners announced at the conference.

Entries for another honor, the 1993 Environmental Steward Awards, will close Oct. 29. The competition is open to innovative programs instituted to protect, preserve and enhance the golf course environment.

Entry forms can be found in the September issue of *Golf Course Management* magazine.

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A tour of Texas A&M University's Cotton Bowl and Research and Extension Station will comprise the Feb. 3 Turfgrass Tour. The Cotton Bowl's artificial turf was replaced by a surface built to USGA greens specifications last spring.

Drs. Milton Engelke and James Reinert will lead the tour of the research station.

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Members are urged to send their entries for the GCSAA Golf Championship to the Lawrence, Kan., headquarters by Dec. 15. More information is available from the GCSAA Membership Department at 913-832-4480 or 800-472-7878.

Play will be held at Austin Country Club (a Pete Dye design), Barton Creek's Crenshaw/Coore Golf Course, The Hills of Lakeway (a Jack Nicklaus Design), and Circle C Golf Club.

Four more firms certified by GCBA

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) has certified a third group of golf course builders.

Those receiving official GCBA certification include:

Bob Buky Excavating and Golf Construction of Mt. Washington, Ky; Dye Construction of California, based in Denver, Colo.; Greenscape

Ltd. of Menlo Park, Calif.; and Guettler & Sons of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Fourteen firms have now passed the certification test administered by the GCBA, according to Executive Director Phil Arnold.

"In time, the [certification] program will become the standard by which all construction firms will be judged," Arnold explained.

Wetlands may kill Wisconsin proposal

BUENA VISTA, Wis. — A plan to build an 18-hole golf course here wasn't up to par on several counts, said county planning and zoning committee officials. "These types of changes tend to act as catalysts for further rezoning that can lead to urban sprawl," said senior planner Todd Gates.

In rejecting a request by Stevens Point resident Steve Kaminski to rezone 280 acres of land in the town, making it acceptable for construction of a golf course, committeemen also cited poor accessibility, physical site

constraints and inconsistency with the town's land use plan.

Added Gates: "Approximately three-fourths of this site is identified as wetlands. Wetland regulations would preclude dredging or filling of the site. This would prevent filling for greens, fairways or tees, as well as any structures."

The Buena Vista Town Board had voted unanimously to support construction of the golf course. "It's not in prime agriculture land," said Buena Vista chairman Hank Yokers. "It never has been; it never will be."

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