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only a short driving distance from downtown. Last, but certainly not least, golfing options abound. Several of the state's premier daily-fee courses are located in the Metroplex. Top public-access courses include Firewheel in Garland, Bear Creek Golf and Racquet Club at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Fossil Creek in Fort Worth, Chase Oaks in Plano and Buffalo Creek in Rockwall. In order to get tee times at private clubs, of course, contact the resident golf course superintendent.

If attendees have any questions regarding entertainment options, do not hesitate to use the information centers at your hotel because, without a doubt, there's plenty to keep you busy in Dallas.



Baidy ready to assume GCSAA presidency

By PETER BLAIS

Providing quality membership services will be the cornerstone of the Joseph Baidy Administration, promised the incoming president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

"The primary goal has to be to service the members while enhancing and promoting the profession," said the 53-year-old head superintendent at Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

"The key is provide quality service and the way to do that is by constantly refining the educational program. Everything we do

is like spokes on a wheel with education at the hub."

Outgoing President Randy Nichols rode herd on one of the more tumultuous years in GCSAA history. The past 12 months have seen the resignations of the organization's top three administrators and immediate past president as well as a shifting focus away from the international arena and back on membership programs.

"Randy has done a great job," said Baidy of his predecessor. "No president I can remember has been under the pressure he has. We'll try to continue moving for-

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ward on the same plane."

Fellow board member Bruce Williams is confident Baidy can keep the 13,000-member organization on course.

"Joe will do an outstanding job," assured the head superintendent at Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland Park, Ill. "He'll help strengthen our relationships with the allied associations.

"Joe is people-oriented and always looking for ways to meet the needs of our members. He is as concerned about the smaller chapters as the larger ones. He wants to make sure we provide quality services for all members at affordable prices."

Baidy had nothing but praise for former senior managers John Schilling, Robert Ochs and Diana Green.

"John [Schilling] made a major career decision [to start his own business]. He did well for us. He took us to a new plateau and I wish him well."

As for the new senior management staff, led by Chief Executive Officer Steve Mona, Baidy said: "I'm very excited about the new ideas and concepts they'll bring to the organization. I'm positive they'll take us to a new plateau."

Baidy watched and learned from last year's bylaws vote when members overwhelmingly defeated several major proposals endorsed by the board. He was one of the main organizers behind September's chapter delegate meeting in Lawrence, Kan., where this year's proposed bylaw amendments were discussed in the hopes of better communicating the reasons behind the proposed changes to members.

"We wanted to revisit some of the proposals the members felt had some merit. Those that were big-time losers [i.e. removing delegate voting and giving the board authority to set dues for voting members] won't be back.

"We had a chance to hear back from the delegates and use their ideas during the September meeting. One of the ideas was to present many of the proposals as separate issues rather than lumping several together in a single question. That's why we have something like 15 separate issues to vote on this year as opposed to eight or nine a year ago."

Baidy was so pleased with last September's delegate gathering that he plans a similar meeting at the same time this fall.

"We probably won't have one every year, just when major issues come up," he said.

Baidy also intends to hold a full-scale planning committee meeting to map the organization's future during his first weeks in office.

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