

Southeast

MURPHY, PATE, MONA TO SPEAK

PINEHURST, N.C.—A.U.S. Golf Association (USGA) regional conference will be held March 15 at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in cooperation with the Carolina's Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Carolina's Golf Association.



Speakers will include PGA Touring pro and ABC television commentator Jerry Pate; Steve Mona, GCSAA chief operating officer; USGA President Reg Murphy, and noted turf breeders Drs. Milton Engelke of Texas A&M University and Terry Riordan of the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Engelke will discuss release of his two new 1993 heat-tolerant Crenshaw and Cato bentgrasses for the South. Riordan will explain his three new buffalograsses now available for use as rough turf.

Attorney Michael Veron will update attendees on golf course liability issues. Communications expert Garland Robinette will give examples of how several golf courses have used a media relations program. Tim Long of Barton Creek will discuss environmental issues. And Patrick O'Brien of the USGA Green Section will update Green Section services.

West

CAL POLY CONFERENCE READIED

POMONA, Calif. — The 35th annual Turfgrass, Landscape and Sports Turf Institute will be held at California Polytechnic Institute, March 22-23.

Dr. James Beard, formerly of Texas A&M University, will discuss managing turfgrass to avoid sports injuries; turfgrass weeds and their control; environmental influences on plant health; and an overview of sports turf in the United States.



A special opening-day seminar will focus on risk management and avoiding lawsuits and insurance claims. Using green industry case studies, Dr. Ted Stamen and his partner, a horticulture attorney, will discuss how to avoid lawsuits.

Insurance authority Karen Terry will present workmen's compensation reform and business insurance issues.

Principles of turf and irrigation management will be offered in separate English and Spanish sessions. Many presentations will have simultaneous Spanish translations.

Other seminars include precision irrigation scheduling, tree management for the 1990s, pest management and environmental influences on plant health.

North Central

FIERST ELECTED MIDWEST PRESIDENT

Alan T. Fierst of Oak Park Country Club in Elmwood Park is the new president of Illinois' Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.



Elected at the annual meeting, Fierst heads a slate of officers that includes Vice President Joel V. Purpur of River Forest Golf Club in Elmhurst, and Secretary/

Treasurer Donald A. Cross of Skokie Country Club in Glencoe.

Directors are Kerry D. Blatteau of Oak Grove Hills in Oak Brook; David O. Blomquist of Naperville Country Club in Wheaton; Edward G. Braunsky of Geneva Golf Club in Batavi.

Also, Kevin W. Czerkies of Sportsman's Country Club in Mundelein; Donald S. Ferreri of Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodbridge; and Robert J. Maibusch of Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills.

Timothy Kelly of Village Links of Glen Ellyn is president

emeritus.

The Midwest association honored Raymond M. Schmitz of Flossmoor Country Club in Frankfort and Mike Bavier of Inverness Country Club in Palatine for their long service as past presidents and board members. Both completed terms on the board.

Mountains

MCGINNIS BENEVOLENT FUND

The Cactus & Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association has established a benevolent fund to help the Paul McGinnis family.

A Cactus & Pine member for two decades and a member of the board of directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, McGinnis is superintendent at Union Hills Country Club in Phoenix. His daughter, Kari, has been diagnosed with a lymphoma type of cancer. To donate to the fund to help pay medical expenses, people should mail checks, payable to Cactus & Pine, to Helm Drive Corp. Offices, 7418 E. Helm Dr., Suite 227, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85260.

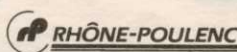


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