

Superintendents defeat new classifications, elect officers

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DALLAS — Keep the focus on superintendents and the association moving in a new direction were the messages voters delivered at February's Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's annual meeting.

Two measures that would have created new membership classifications for non-superintendents were the only proposed bylaw amendments rejected by GCSAA voters. Thirteen amendments



Gary Grigg

dealing with dues, accountability and other assorted issues were all approved. As for the election of the board of directors, Charles Passios of Hyannisport (Mass.) Club, failed in his effort to reclaim a seat on the board he served from 1990-



Tommy Witt

92. Voters a year ago turned out then-incumbents Passios and Joseph Hahn of Oak Hill Country Club in Fairport, N.Y., after the two, along with the rest of the board, endorsed placing the controversial proposed bylaw



Bruce Williams

amendments before the membership. "It was the membership's choice and I can live with that," Passios said. "I guess my ideals didn't fit in with those making the decisions." When asked if his apparent linkage to last year's proposals

was just too much to overcome, Passios replied: "It must have been. I was able to put it in the past and look toward the positives in the future. But we seem to be attached to them for some reason."

"I'm afraid that my qualifications as an individual have been overlooked in all this. I'm not bitter. People asked me before the election if I'd still help the association if I lost. I'd be happy to. You don't give that much to something you love and then just walk away."

Heading the list of newly elected officers and directors was President Joseph Baidy of Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Gary Grigg of Naples (Fla.) National Golf Club bested Bruce Williams of Bob O'Link GC in Highland Park, Ill., in the race for vice president.

Williams was appointed secretary-treasurer.

Incumbents Paul McGinnis of Union Hills Country Club in Sun City, Ariz., and R. Scott Woodhead of Valley View GC in Bozeman, Mont., were re-elected to the board of directors.

Tommy Witt of Bent Tree CC in Dallas was appointed to serve the remaining year of Grigg's term on the board of directors.

Rounding out the board are Immediate Past President Randy Nichols of Cherokee Golf & Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., Dave Fearis of Blue Hills CC in Kansas City, Mo., and George Renault of Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Md. All have a year remaining on their terms.

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Baidy excited about presidency

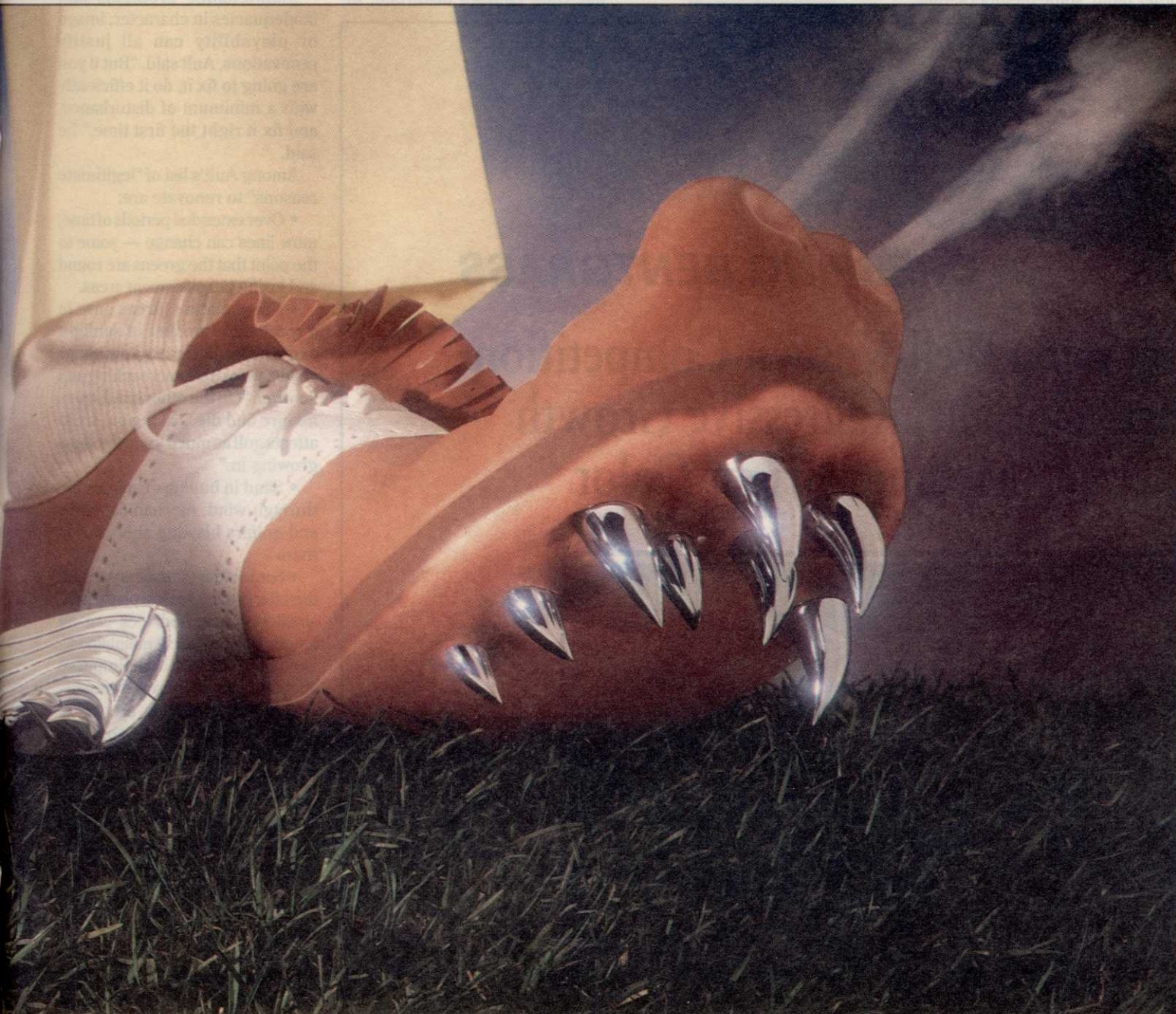
Being handed the presidency by Randy Nichols, Joseph Baidy told the annual banquet audience:



Joseph Baidy

"I am honored to receive this gavel and the responsibility that goes with it. This will be an exciting year for me, representing my peers and a great profession. I pledge to you to continue the open-communication policy set forth last year by Randy Nichols. Randy is to be congratulated for a remarkable year."

"I also pledge to continue to work to strengthen the ties between GCSAA and our allied associations. You have elected an energetic and dedicated board of directors. We have assembled an outstanding management team to work with a highly dedicated staff. Working together with you, we will meet the challenges ahead."



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