

Former Golf Course Superintendents Association of America President Mike Bavier, far left, and former Canadian Golf Superintendents Association President Gordon Witteveen, far right, stand with students, from left, Hiram Hield of Lucaya Golf Club, Ishmael Roberts of Ruby Golf Course and Sherwin Bastian of Emerald Golf Course.



Former U.S., Canada presidents export expertise

BAHAMAS — Former Golf Course Superintendents Association President Mike Bavier and Canadian Golf Superintendents Association founder Gordon Witteveen taught a two-day workshop here for the superintendents and crews of the island's three golf courses.

Called "The Magic of Greenkeeping," the seminar attracted 32 greensmen, including superintendents Sherwin Bastian of Ruby Golf Course, Ishmael Roberts of Princess Resort's Emerald Course and Hiram Hield of Lucaya Golf Course.

Bavier, of Inverness Golf Course in Palatine, Ill., was GCSAA president in

1981, while Witteveen is in charge of the five Metropolitan Board of Trade courses in Toronto and was president of the Canadian GSA in 1969.

The pair have spoken in countries around the world.

The seminar features practical secrets of greenkeeping and stresses the importance of catering to the whims of discriminating golfers.

"Mike and I are avid golfers, and we were impressed with the courses there and their condition," Witteveen said from his office. "The very same golfers who play in the Bahamas in the winter are our customers in the summer."

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SEWER LINES

Sewer lines are another utility that should be explored. With many sewer companies, golf course developers have to pay for installation of the sewer piping. But the good news is that the developer can recover some of their costs by collecting "tap fees" from any entity that hooks up to it. The ownership of the piping is usually turned over to the sewer company, but the tap fees many times turn over to the developer who paid to have it installed.

SOUTHEASTERN PROGRAM SET

TIFTON, Ga. — The 49th annual Southeastern Turfgrass Conference has been expanded from two to three days and will be held at the Rural Development Center here, May 1-3. May 1 will center on discussions of research and May 3 will be a full-day calibration workshop, while May 2, will be devoted to various turfgrass topics. Speakers Tuesday morning will include University of Georgia Drs. Bob Carrow, Al Smith and Rick Brandenburg. Dr. Lee Burpee will reveal new fungicide technology while Dr. Gil Landry will talk on strategies for improving turf winter-hardiness. Golf course designer and author Tom Doak will speak on minimalistic architecture and Tom Delaney, director of state government affairs for the Professional Lawn Care Association of America, will address pesticide issues. More information is available from Jeanne Werner, Rural Development Center, Tifton 31793; 912-386-3416.

NYSTA AWARDS

The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) awarded eight \$500 scholarships to students at the grand finale of the NYSTA Turf and Grounds Exposition. Cornell University winners were Jason A. Straka and Christopher Hennes. Gregory Wall and Ryan M. Paschal (posthumously) were the two winners from SUNY Cobleskill. The University of Massachusetts' two winners were Robert Alonzi Jr. and Christopher Caporicci. G. Michael Elston of SUNY Delhi and William R. Michalski of Alfred State College were also awarded scholarships.

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