

Clubs to Send Supts. to GCSA National Meet

THE MAJORITY of the nation's foremost golf clubs — private, public and semi-private — will have their supts. representing them at the 26th annual course maintenance conference and equipment and supplies exhibit of the Golf Course Supts.' Assn.

This event will be held at Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Jan. 16-21.

The entire mezzanine floor of the hotel will be devoted to the Conference and Show with over 65 exhibit booths arranged to provide accommodations. The Conference room adjoins this area. Indications point to a sell-out of space again this year. Interested parties are asked to reserve space as soon as possible from Agar M. Brown, Sec. GCSA, P. O. Box 106, St. Charles, Ill. More than two-thirds of available space was assigned by Oct. 1.

The national conference and show sees the introduction of new equipment and materials. The St. Louis meeting will probably not be an exception. There have been indications this past season that revolutionary types of equipment will soon be placed on the market by several major suppliers.

Increased demands for better and better golf courses with more use of labor and time savings methods spotlight the new equipment.

Many of the foremost golf course maintenance experts will appear on the Educational Program which is scheduled for sessions on four days. In addition to portions of the program dealing with research and maintenance reports of general interest, there will be special sessions dealing with both the specific needs and interests of the warm season grass areas and the cool season grass areas. These are scheduled so that an individual can attend both sessions if he desires without interference with other sections of the program.

Representatives from club management, the professional field as well as the research stations and the USGA will have their part on the program.

Supts. Attendance on Club Budgets

The cost of acquiring information at the GCSA National conference and show will be over-shadowed by the results obtained from its application. The course maintenance budget at many clubs provide for such meetings, and it should be general policy.

Local hosts for the meeting will be the Mississippi Valley Golf Supts. Association.

General Chmn. of the group is M. M. Parsons, Algonquin CC, Webster Groves. Assisting him will be the following Committee Chairmen: Publicity, Fred W. Maschmidt, Normandie GC, St. Louis; Educational, Al Linkogel, Link's Nursery, Clayton; Transportation, Ralph Guyer, Westborough CC, Webster Groves; District Show Sales, Thomas V. Hayes, Meadow Brook CC, Overland; Entertainment, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Longheinrich, Sunset CC, Sappington; Ways and Means, Clarence Plein, Lakeside GC, Overland; Reception, Vertus Mitchell, Forest Park GC, St. Louis.

Three Ideas That Paid at Hyde Park, Cincinnati

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SEVERAL IDEAS I've picked up at superintendents' meetings this year have been used to good advantage in course improvement, prevention of trouble and operating economy at Hyde Park this year.

One is the compatibility of PMAS, Chlordane and Tersan. The fact that crabgrass control, insecticide and fungicide can be applied all in the same dose has cut the spraying time of our greens to one third of the old requirement.

Another idea I got concerns the judicious limitation of nitrogen on greens in the spring in this territory. This, I believe, is the most important tip on keeping greens in Cincinnati. But it's taken years to discover it. The idea is very important because Cincinnati has practically no spring. We go from winter into hot summer almost overnight.

The result is that nitrogen applied in late April and May will break down all at once when hot weather hits—usually about June 10. This causes all kinds of trouble as superintendents have observed to their distress.

Something else I've learned at the meetings that's been worth a lot at our course is the use of iron sulphate. Because of the high alkaline content of water used in Cincinnati most of the greens in the district suffer from iron chlorosis. At Hyde Park weekly applications of iron sulphate have been very effective on greens and aprons.