

GCSA May Set New Convention Attendance Mark

GCSA officials aren't going so far out on the limb as to predict that there will be a record turnout for the 35th International Turfgrass conference and show in the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, Feb. 9-14, but they are of the opinion that the attendance record set in Miami in 1962 may be threatened. A heavy draw from the East in addition to the South and Midwest should insure that upwards of 2,000 supts. will be on hand for the six-day program which will feature, as usual, almost four solid days of educational sessions plus a five-day showing of almost every type of equipment and supplies used in the course maintenance business. The Miami attendance record is 2,250.

All educational assemblies will be held in the Sheraton's Grand Ballroom. Here is the program schedule:

Monday, February 10

Morning Session: Invocation, James Brandt, supt., Danville (Ill.) CC.

Welcome to Philadelphia: speaker to be announced.

Keynote speech: Gene C. Nutter, GCSA executive director.

Celebrity speakers: to be announced.

Afternoon session: Theme — Effective Administration. Chairman — Elmer C. Border, supt., El Caballero CC, Tarzana, Calif.

Better Letters — speaker to be announced.

Selling Your Budget — Don Wright, Royal Palm Y & CC, Boca Raton, Fla.

Managing Your Time — speaker to be announced.

Tricks of the Trade — Charles Wilson, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission.

Tuesday

Manufacturers' exhibits open at 9:00 a.m.



Gene Stoddard, Costa Mesa, Calif., Bob Hinkle, Louisville, Ky., and Jim Burton, Greenville, O., made their Philadelphia reservations with Wanda Dodds last year when the GCSA convention was held in San Diego.

Afternoon Session: Theme — Understanding Fertilizer Behavior. Chairman — Beryl S. Taylor, supt., Iowa State U. GC, Ames.

Nitrogen Breakdown — Roy E. Blaser, dept. of Agronomy, Virginia Poly Institute.

Trace Element Deficiencies — James R. Love, dept. of Soils, Wisconsin University.

Other Major Elements — Marvin S. Ferguson, USGA research coordinator.

Quiz of the program speakers.

Wednesday

Entire day will be devoted to business and membership meetings. GCSA officers are to be elected in the evening. Highlight of the day's proceedings will be an explanation of the GCSA's Variable Pension Plan by insurance company representatives.

Thursday

Morning Session: Theme — Our Advancing Profession. Chairman, Fred V. Grau, consulting agronomist, Hercules Powder Co.

History of Maintenance and Equipment (Kodachrome review and narrative) — Michael O'Grady, CC of New Bedford, Mass.

Two-Year Supts' Training Course — Joseph Troll, Stockbridge School of Agriculture, U. of Massachusetts.

Four-Year Supts' Training Course — Joseph M. Duich, dept. of Agronomy, Penn State U.

From College to Career — Sheldon R. Betterly, supt., Chantilly National G/ & CC, Centreville, Va.

Wanted: Golf Course Supts! — Sherwood A. Moore, supt., Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Award to Student Essay Winners — Four prizes totalling \$500 will be awarded to winners of the 1963 essay contest, sponsored by the Golf Course Reporter at the conclusion of this session.

Afternoon Session: Theme — Obligations to the Member. Chairman: Carl W. Nystrom, sec.-treas., Ryan Equipment Co., St. Paul.

Night Maintenance — William A. Lyon, Lyon's Den Par 3, Akron, O.

Attractive Bridges — Gordon Brinkworth, Oaks CC, Rockland, Calif.

Panel on Vandalism, Security and Liability Problems

Vandalism Research — Alex M. Radko, USGA green section;

Security — Alfred E. Hoffman, supt., Ohio State U. GC, Columbus;

Liability — Walter A. Slowinski, GCSA legal consul, member of firm of Baker, McKenzie and Hightower, Washington, D.C.

7:00 p.m. — Annual banquet and show, Grand Ballroom.

Friday

Morning Session: Theme — Pests and Problems. Chairman, Tom Mascaro, West Point (Pa.) Products Corp.

Aquatic Weed Control — John E. Gallagher, Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Pa.

Weather and Insects — John C. Shread, dept. of Entomology, U. of Connecticut.

Spring Deadspot — Stan Fredericksen, Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis.

Resume of Winter Damage Problems — speaker to be announced.

What Makes Grass Wilt — Harry W. Muesel, supt. Yale University GC, New Haven, Conn.

Pictorial Review of Turf Diseases — Michael P. Britton, dept. of Plant Pathology, U. of Illinois.

Public Course Clinic

On Wednesday, starting at 2 p.m., the GCSA and National Golf Foundation will sponsor a clinic for operators of public courses. Harry C. Eckhoff, the Foundations Eastern director, will serve as chairman of this meeting.

Golfdom Luncheon

Golfdom magazine again will be host to supt. fathers and sons and sons-in-law at a luncheon at the GCSA convention. This will be the seventh year that the affair is sponsored by Joe and Herb Graffis. It will be held on Wednesday, Feb 12, at noon in the Pennsylvania East Room of the Sheraton Hotel. Officials and directors of the GCSA also have been invited to attend the luncheon.

The following persons will serve on the clinic panel: William E. McKinney, Silver Spring, Md.; Charles E. Pound, White Plains, N. Y.; Richard A. Sincerbeau, Flint, Mich.; Max Elbin, pro, Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md.; Peter McEvoy, owner of Tall Pines GC, Sewell, N. J.; and Arthur F. Loeben, Norristown, Pa. McKinney, Pound, Sincerbeau and Loeben are connected with municipal or county courses in the areas in which they live.

Rules Uniformity Hailed As A Boon to Golf

According to the USGA, there are numerous changes, and, at the same time, a "sameness" in the Rules of Golf for 1964. The new edition of the rules book is available at 25 cents per copy from the United States Golf Association, 40 East 38th St., New York 16, N.Y.

The "sameness" stems from agreement by the Professional Golfers' Association to play by USGA Rules without deviation. Achievement of rules uniformity within the United States for amateur and professionals alike has been hailed by John M. Winters Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., USGA president, as a boon to the game.

The new code was formulated by the USGA after negotiations with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. The R&A Rules in 1964 will differ from those of the USGA in four particulars.

A number of the USGA changes (as previously announced) concern the putting green, including prohibition of using the flagstick as a backstop, relaxed regulations in repairing ball marks and clarification of procedure when a ball overhangs the hole.