

Is It, or Isn't It
A GCSA Record?

2,611 Attend Cleveland Convention



Bob Shields (l), new GCSA president, cuts the ribbon that opens the 1965 GCSA convention. He gets assistance from Stan Frederiksen, industrial relations rep (center) and Dave Moote of Canada, retiring president.

Attendance at the annual GCSA international turf show fell short of shattering the record established in 1964 in Philadelphia, but the turnout for the Cleveland convention, held in early February, came close to what had been anticipated. A total of 2,611 persons, including supts., their wives and course distributor and manufacturing reps, came to the Ohio city for the 36th gathering of the greenmasters. The crowd at Philadelphia exceeded 2,700.

(However, members of the Cleveland GCSA, who had charge of arrangements for this year's show, point out that approximately 150 turf students were included in the head count at the Philadelphia convention, making the 1964 attendance figure somewhat unrepresentative. Students weren't included in the Cleveland tally.)

The Cleveland weatherman was most cooperative. He provided balmy, 60-degree temperatures for the visitors on at

least two days and refused to show them a cold front during the week they were in the city. A "let's go out and play golf" feeling prevailed, but the conscientious supts. resisted temptation and dutifully appeared at the education sessions. Attendance at the final gathering on Friday morning, at least, almost equalled that of opening day.

L. R. (Bob) Shields, Jr., who has been at Woodmont CC, Rockville, Md., for the last 13 years was elected president of the GCSA. Edward (Ted) Roberts of Fairmount CC, Chatham, N. J., is vp, and John Spodnik, supt. at Westfield CC, LeRoy, O. is secretary-treasurer.

New directors are James W. Brandt, Danville (Ill.) CC, Richard McLaughlin, Wayzata (Minn.) CC and Tom Leonard, River Oaks, Houston. Holdover directors are William Riley, Essex Fells (N.J.) CC, and Walter Boysen, Sequoyah CC, Oakland, Calif., and Spodnik.