

GCSAA



Show Notes

Future host cities for the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America Conference and Show are likely to be measured against Houston for the quality and convenience of their convention facilities. Superintendents and exhibitors at the 41st conference were delighted with the layout of the massive Albert Thomas Convention Center. Exhibits showed off to best advantage under the well-lighted ceiling of the hall, and the record traffic (some 3,600 people) moved easily and comfortably.

Attendance at the educational sessions also appeared to have broken previous records, perhaps due to the easy accessibility of the conference rooms from the exhibit hall. Some 35 speakers dealt with topics related to such themes as, For a Better World, Man and His Fellow Man, Research—A Basis of Progress, and Automatic Irrigation. Among the distinguished group were research scientists, agronomists, top golf course superintendents,

including John Campbell, Links Supervisor of the noble St. Andrews GC in Scotland.

Superintendents took time out to elect new GCSAA officers. Norman W. Kramer, superintendent at Point O'Woods CC, Benton, Mich., will serve as president and Richard C. Blake, superintendent at Mt. Pleasant CC, Boylston, Mass., will fill the position of vice president. Palmer Maples Jr., Charlotte CC, Charlotte, N.C.; Garold Murphy, Somerset CC, St. Paul; and Clifford A. Wagoner, Del Rio CC, Modesto, Calif., were elected to two-year terms as directors.

All was not business, however. At the close of Monday's session, superintendents and their families were treated to a glimpse of Houston's Western heritage at the host association's rodeo and barbecue.

Along with providing outstanding facilities, Houston even put its best foot forward with mild, sunny weather.

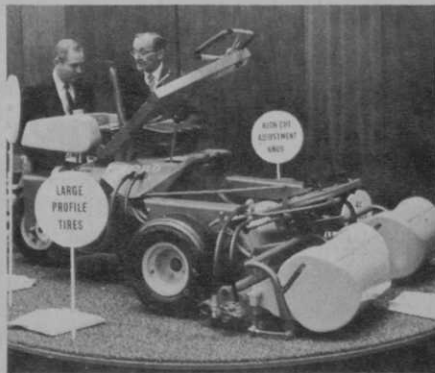
—Bill Smart



A GCSAA Tradition

GOLFDOM once again recognized the heritage of many golf course superintendents, with its traditional Father, Son and Son-in-Law Luncheon at the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America conference. Association Executive Director Ben Chlevin introduced the GCSAA officials at the luncheon, and GOLFDOM's Associate Publisher Robert J. Abramson offered some startling predictions on the growing importance of the golf course superintendent during the seventies. GOLFDOM's and the industry's Joe Graffis Sr. and Andy Bertoni, superintendent at Rolling Hills G & CC, Davison, Mich., provided the humor and memorabilia.

Left to right: Jacobsen, Toro and Hahn-West Point



Product Notes

Riding greens mowers took a big share of the limelight at the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America show. Large groups of superintendents were continuously surrounding the three entrants in this relatively new product category.

This was evident at the Jacobsen exhibit where the Greens King was prominently displayed. Since its introduction two years ago, the Greens King has received enormous response from superintendents.

In fact, supply still has not caught up with the demand, according to the company.

Across the exhibit hall, Toro unveiled its riding greens mower, the Greensmaster 3. According to the company, the new triplex mower is capable of cutting greens on an average 18-hole course in three to four hours. Toro expects to begin deliveries on the Greenmaster 3 about December, 1970.

Gathering crowds at the Hahn-West Point exhibit was

the new riding Triplex Greensmower. Among the features being emphasized by the company are smooth hydrostatic drive, self-lapping of cutting units, quick cutting-unit removal and a short wheel base for maneuverability. Hahn-West Point plans to begin deliveries during the fourth quarter of 1970.

All three riding greens mowers are priced at about \$3,000 without optional accessories.

—Vincent J. Pastena