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GCSAA LEARNS EPA HAS LIFTED BAN ON MERCURY FOR WINTER DISEASE. Apparently, a settlement has been reached between the EPA and Manufacturers of pesticides containing Mercury - with Golf Superintendents coming out the real winners! Use of pesticides containing mercury were reinstated for control of winter turf diseases with two restrictions: (1) its use will only be allowed by professional golf superintendents or persons under their supervision; and, (2) it cannot be used within 25 feet of water where fish can be taken out for human consumption. The settlement provides for producers to phase out manufacture of mercurial pesticides used to treat summer golf turf diseases.

The easing of the ban is particularly noteworthy because of the active role played by many local chapters, GCSAA's Governmental Relations Committee and the Industrial Advisory Council. Petitions and letters expressing the

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superintendents reasons for opposition to EPA's initial ban were instrumental in bringing about the revised policy. This is yet another example of the important role your professional associations can and do play in speaking on the issues of the turf industry and turf management.

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CALIFORNIA'S MONTEREY PENINSULA WILL BE SETTING FOR GCSAA PRE-CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT. February 3 and 4, 1977, are the dates for the 1977 GCSAA Golf Tournament. Participants will play Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Dunes Course and Spyglass Hill - both famous for their beauty and uniqueness. The 36-hole stroke play is open to GCSAA members, exhibitors, club officials and guests of GCSAA members. Women's play will be February 3 on the Rancho Canada Golf Club.

Complete information including advance registration forms will be found in the forthcoming Conference Brochure. In brief, check-in will be Wednesday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Monterey Holiday Inn - Tournament Headquarters. Housing for participants will be at the Holiday Inns in Monterey and Carmel. The Victory Banquet for awards and prizes will be February 4 at the Monterey Holiday Inn.

Make plans now to enter and choose your members for the Chapter team competition.