



WGCSA ELECTION UPDATE

Bill Roberts, WGCSA Vice-President and candidate for GCSAA Executive Committee membership, reports campaign activities are progressing on schedule for the upcoming election to be held at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show.

Individual GCSAA members from across the country have been contacted by telephone and correspondence in an effort to consolidate support for Roberts' candidacy. GCSAA Voting Delegates and Alternate Delegates are targeted for contact in early January. Roberts has traveled to the Minnesota GCSA Conference, the Northwestern Illinois GCSA Annual Meeting, the Midwest Turfgrass Conference and the North Central Turfgrass Exposition, primarily to speak on his SentryWorld operation, but, also, to solicit further support for the WGCSA election effort.

Plans for the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association "Hospitality Suite" will be finalized at the January Board meeting. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been circulated for those wishing to help with the "Hospitality Suite" and, although the initial response has been enthusiastic, the Election Committee continues to seek the assistance of any and all WGCSA members travelling to Washington, D.C.

According to Roberts, "The election process has given us the opportunity to make new friends and acquaintances all over the country and for that alone it has been well worth the effort. However, the most gratifying aspect for me has been the amount of energy and enthusiasm from my fellow Wiscon-

sin GCSA members. I'm convinced that the hard work will be rewarded in Washington, D.C. in February and I want to say thanks to everyone in Wisconsin for the support."

Although time grows short and there is still much work left to complete, we of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association continue to be up to the task at hand and believe this goal will be realized.

PROJECTED SEED AVAILABILITY FOR THE 1984-1985 SEASON

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Seed shortages experienced last year have brought renewed interest in seed crop harvests and estimated availability for this year. The results of the 1984 crop of seed harvest are projected availability for 1985 are listed below:

1. Turf-type Perennial Ryegrasses (most varieties) —

The crop was excellent with more than adequate supplies to last through the summer of 1985.

2. Fine Fescues — (i.e., chewings, hard, creeping red)

Crop was average and we expect no shortages on these species.

3. Tall Fescues —

Turf-type fescues will be available in greater abundance during the fall of 1984 and spring of 1985 compared to last season. Expect shortages to crop up late spring and early summer of 1985.

4. Bentgrasses —

With Penncross and Penneagle the harvest was significantly larger when compared to last

year. Expect adequate supplies through early spring of 1985. There may be shortages of Penncross due to dwindling inventory in late spring and early summer of 1985. For anticipated summer of '85 seedings with Penncross I would suggest purchasing the seed this fall or winter and warehousing it.

5. Kentucky Bluegrass —

All varieties will be in short supply till new crop of 1985. Of all the cool season turf grasses Kentucky Bluegrass will be in the shortest supply. Some varieties (i.e., Eclipse, Glade, Adelpia, Ram I) and other popular varieties will be sold out shortly. I strongly suggest anyone anticipating seeding Kentucky Bluegrass during the spring or summer of 1985 to purchase the necessary seed as soon as possible.

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