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GCSAA Conference and Show Return to Anaheim

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The upcoming GCSAA conference will be the 35th consecutive conference I have attended and, honestly, I am as excited and anxious to go this year as I was back in January of 1973.

It will be a little warmer at the 2007 conference that it was back in 1973. Nonetheless, Boston was a great venue because of the endless American history the city offers. I can recall lots of complaining about the cold weather, but none of it came from me.

This will be the sixth time I have attended the GCSAA conference in Anaheim. Previous meetings were held in Anaheim in 1974, 1981, 1989, 1993 and 1998. I actually know my way around the area reasonably well. Although it may not be my most favorite place for conference, it is tough to complain about a bit of warm weather now that the cold seems to have returned to Wisconsin.

One thing that makes the GCSAA conference so great is that it constantly changes. The pre conference seminar program is invaluable (as evidenced by its extreme popularity), the educational offerings during conference are tops and the equipment show is unparalleled. It is literally a "Who's Who" in golf turf management. Sometimes it is a "Who's Who" in golf, giving golf course superintendents the chance, over a career, to meet everyone from Arnold Palmer to Nancy Lopez to President Ford.

Books and book signings, camaraderie with colleagues, turf talk and travel, warm weather and a thousand other great features make the GCSAA conference a highlight in my professional year.

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