

iously made the association year go. It was again a pleasure to work with the board this year.

My committee chairman, a great thanks for your effort to do the job you accepted when asked to serve. One thing we must remember is that our own job has the number one priority. That job we are obligated to, to serve to the best of our ability. Thanks, all of you, for a fine year.

Be sure to sharpen your golf game up for the upcoming annual golf tournament. This meeting we should all try to make, for it is also our election meeting. Your vote is so important to this association. Use your rights as a voter, it's your responsibility.

Al Vrana,
President

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From the Board:

In an effort to keep our meetings running smoothly and in a professional manner, the Board adopted the following three items:

- I. Reservation cards must be returned to the Golf Chairman no later than the Friday prior to each meeting. (If you're bringing a guest, include their name also.)
- II. Either tee times will be taken or a shotgun start arranged prior to each meeting. The host club shall decide which.

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III. A sport coat or leisure suit must be worn for dinner at each meeting.

Remember these when planning for our October meeting at Brighton Dale.

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From the Golf Committee:

Our September meeting was held at Milwaukee Country Club. The perfect Fall weather further enhanced the great condition of Host Superintendent Dan Quast's golf course. A record turnout of 72 participated in the twosome-bestball event. Winners were Bob Gosewehr and Les Verhaalen with 63. Runners-up were Terry Chaignot and Bill Rooney with 64 followed by John Feiner and Jerry O'Donnell with 65. The closest to the pin events were won by the following: Dan Quast, Curt Larson and Bill Schumacher.

The tournament meeting will be held at Brighton Dale in Racine. Your handicaps and classes based on the information given to me will be posted prior to tee off time. So

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Bill Douglas,
Chairman

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GCSAA LEARNS EPA HAS LIFTED BAN ON MERCURY FOR WINTER DIS-EASE. 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.

GCSAA Newsletter, September 15, 1976

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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.

PROGRAM

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 AM Registration and coffee
FIRST SESSION - Chairman: Albert G. Vrana
- 9:00 AM Welcome and Introduction
- 9:15 AM Golf Play on Poa Annua
Mr. Carl Schwartzkopf
United States Golf Assoc., Green Section
- 10:00 AM History and Effectiveness of Chemical Poa Annua
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Dr. Ralph Engel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

10:45 AM Short Break

11:00 AM Cultural Restriction of Poa Annua growth

Mr. Robert M. Williams

Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill.

M. William Burdick

Canterbury Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio

NOON Lunch

SECOND SESSION - Chairman: Wayne D. Otto

1:30 PM Characteristics of Poa Annua types

Dr. Vaughn Holyoke

University of Maine, Orono, Maine

2:15 PM Poa Annua Performance in the Northeast

Mr. Anthony L. Grasso

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- 2:45 PM Break
3:15 PM Poa Annua Performance in the Upper Midwest
Mr. Milton T. Wiley
M. T. Wiley, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
3:45 PM General Discussion all Previous Speakers
5:00 PM Cocktails and Conversation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

THIRD SESSION - Chairman: William C. Douglas III

- 9:00 AM Setting up for Winter Survival
Dr. Don White
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota
9:30 AM Setting up for Summer Survival
Mr. Walter W. Fuchs
Turf Products, Ltd., West Chicago, Ill.
10:00 AM Break
10:30 AM Positive Approaches to Poa Annua Utilization
Dr. Robert M. Newman
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
11:00 AM Wisconsin Applications: General Discussion,
Questions and Answers
11:50 AM What's for Next Year Symposium? Subject
Recommendations from Audience
NOON Adjourn

From the Nominating Committee:

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7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner

9:00 PM - 12:30 AM Dance

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Hope to see all of you on October 30th!

Sincerely,

Ed Devinger
Social Committee

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It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Bill Eckert, Superintendent of Maple Bluff Country Club is resigning to become farm manager of a large produce company in Endeavor, Wisconsin.

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