

LOOKS LIKE A SELLOUT

The 56th International Golf Course Conference and Show sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) appears to be headed for record-breaking attendance again this year. This appears to be true for all areas of the Conference and Show which is to be held February 5-13, 1985 in Washington, D.C.-- educational seminars, spouse programs, banquet and show, exhibit show.

The 1984 Conference and Show in Las Vegas set attendance records with nearly 10,000 persons attending. The 1985 International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, based on early registration, is expected to exceed the 10,000 mark.

Of the 23 educational seminars scheduled, one is already full with three others nearly full. It is anticipated that all seminars will be full by the beginning of the Conference in February.

The reason for the high interest in this year's seminars, according to James G. Prusa, CGCS, GCSAA Director of

Education, is that, "Today's golf course superintendents are becoming more aware of the need for continuing education and realize the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show is the best place to fulfill their specialized educational needs. And we are continually offering more and better courses that will help those superintendents better manage their golf course operations."

Registration for the gala Banquet and Show is also running ahead of last year's record-setting pace. This gala affair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12 and features the presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award. The 1985 recipient of this award is former President of the United States Gerald R. Ford. Ford has indicated he will be present to receive this most prestigious award. Two former recipients of this award, Arnold Palmer and Bob Hope, are expected to be present. Entertainment following the banquet will be provided by Tanya Tucker.

Registration for the GCSAA member golf tournament is limited to 288 and the registration figure "is approaching the 200 mark already," according to Diana Green, GCSAA's Membership Director. The member tournament will be held on two courses on Hilton Head Island with the spouse tournament being held on two courses at the nearby Moss Creek Plantation February 2-5, 1985.

A date to be remembered by those expecting to attend the Conference and Show but who have not yet registered, is December 21, 1984. This is the deadline for advance registration. "Through advance registration, attendees are more apt to receive their choices of seminars and will still receive priority housing and priority seating for the banquet, while saving money," said John M. Schilling, GCSAA's Executive Director. Those registering after December 21st must pay regular fees for registration and seminars.

Although registration counts are reaching GCSAA in a record-setting pace, members should not feel that it will be difficult to obtain housing, banquet reservations or desired educational seminar registration. There is still time, although early registration is encouraged.

For more information and for registration call 1-800-GSA-SUPT.

