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Well, the 1986 GCSAA Turf Conference and Show held in San Francisco is history, and for those of you that were not able to attend all I can say is, "You missed a great conference."

The festivities started early for the eight of us who participated in the GCSAA Golf Championships held in Palm Desert, California. A two-man best-ball event was held on Saturday, January 25 for players from two different chapter organizations. This was an enjoyable event because it provided each of us the opportunity to meet new friends in the turf industry and enjoy a round of golf. The Championship took place on Monday, January 27 and

Tuesday, January 28 with the winners being decided by combining both days scores for low gross and low net. Chapter team scores were decided by taking 3 of the 4 best rounds for both days and awarding low gross and low net team winners. Unfortunately, neither of our MGCSA teams rallied to capture any team honors, however, Fred Anderson from Purple Hawk Country Club did win the coveted third place honors in the black and blue division, (oops, I meant the black flight), with rounds of 78 and 76. Nice going, Fred, but you won't be able to talk anyone into giving you strokes from here on out. The weather was ideal with highs in the 80's and beautiful clear skies. Anyone jealous yet. Palm Valley Country Club and Monterey Country Club are position courses with many of the desert courses characteristics. Those being: Short, very rolling layouts, many beautiful lakes and palm trees, waterfalls and condos lining most of the holes. It is a perfect place to play winter golf and we all enjoyed our chance to compete in this event.

The GCSAA Turf Conference and Show got off

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to a good start with many seminars that were provided for members, and General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager provided an entertaining keynote speech on aircraft and his experiences. As the week progressed the amount of expertise and knowledge offered by the researchers, the suppliers, and our fellow superintendents was overwhelming in each of the sessions. The equipment show was truly the largest ever assembled for GCSAA, and new innovative ideas are becoming reality as our turf industry manufacturers strive to provide us with the products we tell them we need. For new members of GCSAA attending a conference of this magnitude must be overwhelming, but for those of us that have attended many nationals, I feel it reassures the inner feeling that we are part of a truly great industry and the GCSAA.

Our executive board of MGCSA was able to receive some noteworthy recognition by personally presenting checks earmarked for research to fine research projects being conducted by the USGA, GCSAA, and the Musser Foundation. This personal touch made the donations more meaningful and was

exceptionally gratifying.

Even though another national conference has ended, our MGCSA board continues to push forward into the new year scheduling meetings intended to instruct, inform, and to be enjoyed by all our members. Look for the flyers as they arrive monthly, fill them out, and return the pre-registration forms as soon as possible to make the Arrangements Chairman's job that much easier.

I have received a good number of responses to my request for articles to publish in our HOLE NOTES newsletter. I wish to thank those individuals for taking the time to write and share their ideas. To the rest of our silent membership, I will continue to pry the vast knowledge you as superintendents harbor in your minds out for our fellow members to learn from and experience your accomplishments.

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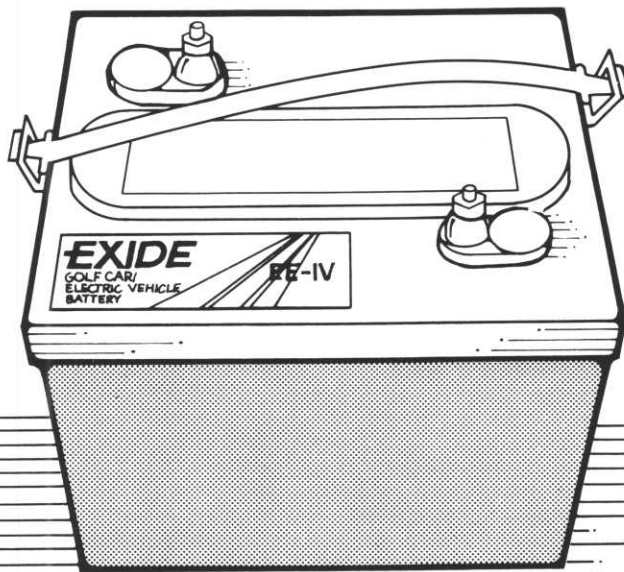
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