

EDITOR'S CORNER

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As fall draws near, most of us are looking forward to the off season for a well deserved rest. The year 1987 will go on record as a tough year for keeping turf looking up to par. Fall brings some relief to superintendents but, despite some rain, things are getting dry once again. Hopefully, October will bring rain and relieve the strain on the turf and our crew.

We would like to thank Dan Hanson for inviting us to Minikahda Club for our guest scramble. The weather was cool and moist in the morning but by afternoon we could not have asked for a nicer day. You just can't say enough about the beauty of

a mature, established golf course. The scramble was a great success having a fantastic turnout with monies raised for the Harold Stodola Research Fund.

We would like to thank Tom Mundy of E-Z GO golf carts for donating 20 golf carts to be used during the scramble. All the proceeds from the carts went directly to the Stodola Research Fund. Thanks Tom and E-Z GO for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

NEWS FROM GCSAA

GCSAA CONFERENCE SETS SALES
RECORD FIVE MONTHS EARLY!

Texans have long liked to claim that their state is the biggest and the best. And the 59th International Golf Course Conference and Show -- slated for Houston in early 1988 and sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) -- is certainly on its way to upholding the Texas tradition.

With nearly five months to go before the doors open to the expected 14,000 attendees, the Show's exhibition space reservations are already ahead of the 1987 total.

More than 112,000 square feet of display space has been committed to various manufacturers and distributors from all over the world. This surpasses the previous record of 108,500 square feet in Phoenix earlier this year.

"We still have some space available, but it's truly incredible how quickly everyone has responded," said Tuula Wright, sales and marketing manager for GCSAA. "The industry is booming, and exhibitors are anxious to display their products to the buyers, the golf course superintendents."

The show will run February 1-8 in the George R. Brown Convention Center. The event will be among the largest shows to be presented following the completion of this dramatic new facility.

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The GCSAA Conference and Show is a one-stop marketplace for today's golf course superintendents from around the world. More than 60 percent of the exhibitors have indicated that they will be revealing their new product lines and services for 1988 at the Show.

EPA ANNOUNCES ACTION ON CADMIUM

Use of cadmium in the environment has been prohibited under a federal regulatory order announced August 10 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The sole exception to this regulatory order allows use of cadmium fungicides on golf course greens and tees under certain circumstances.

Specifically, Cadmium use will be allowed on greens and tees only with a "mini-boom" sprayer, and applicators must wear protective clothing during mixing, loading and application of the product. Homeowners, turfgrass managers and other users of cadmium fungicides will be forced to seek alternative materials for the control of fungi on turfgrass. Additionally, use of cadmium on fairways

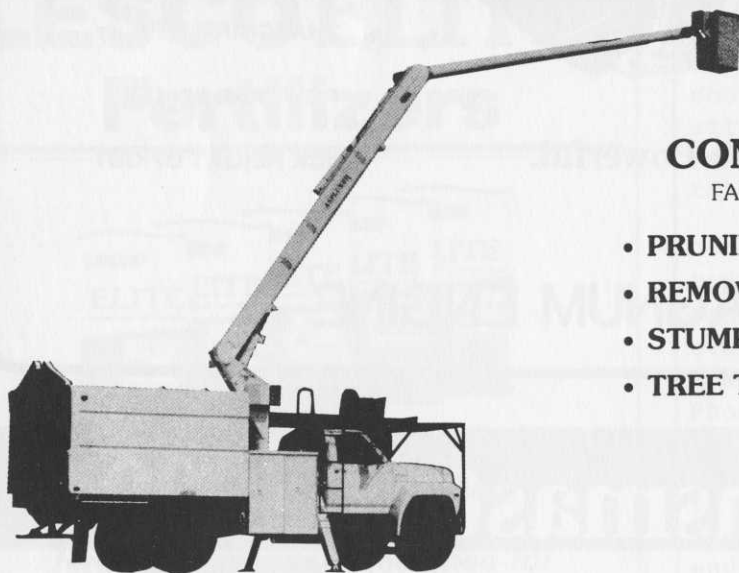
and other golf course areas except greens and tees is prohibited.

The decision to exempt golf course greens and tees relies in part on information provided through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Government Relations Program. In May, members of the EPA review team were given a demonstration of the "mini-boom" sprayer at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

Originally, EPA proposed cancellation of all pesticidal cadmium use. However, as the EPA announcement noted: "At the time of the proposed cancellation, EPA assumed that cadmium was applied on golf course greens and tees areas with hand held sprayers only. Since that time, the agency has received new information indicating that most golf course applicators use power spray equipment, such as mini-boom sprayers."

\$50,000 CONTRIBUTED TO NEW GCSAA FUND

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) announced



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on August 6, 1987, the establishment of the Robert Trent Jones Endowment Fund to Support the organization's ongoing scholarship and research programs.

"We have never before made this kind of commitment with any one person or even any single organization," said GCSAA President Donald E. Hearn, CGCS. "But the monumental accomplishments and lifelong services of Mr. Jones and his close working relationship with our association and its members merit prominent recognition."

In addition to Jones' own personal gift, friends and associates contributed more than \$50,000 to establish the initial funding level.

Jones, the 81 year old architect of some of the world's most famous golf courses, said of the honor: "We can build the greatest golf courses in the world, but if they are not properly maintained, they are nothing. To golf course superintendents around the world I owe a great debt, and every architect in America owes a great debt. We can only continue to provide

these great facilities with well-educated professionals to maintain them. That education does not come easily to all and must be supported by every aspect of this industry."

The Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association contributed \$2,000 to the Jones Endowment "over and above" their annual scholarship and research donation.

"We're proud to have the opportunity to be the first GCSAA chapter to contribute to this new fund," said Reed LeFebvre, who presented the check to Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, chairman of the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Committee. "We're also pleased that Mr. Jones and the association would select this site, the PGA Championship in Florida, to make the announcement."

Faubel added: "This fund will enable GCSAA to encourage promising young turfgrass students entering the profession. The long-term impact will be reflected in better conditions for every golfer as our education and expertise continue to grow."

NEW MEMBERS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is pleased to announce the two new members of the GCSAA. Minnesota GCSA members Keith Johnson and Randall William Allen are now also members of the national association.

Should We Be Using The Walking Greensmower More?

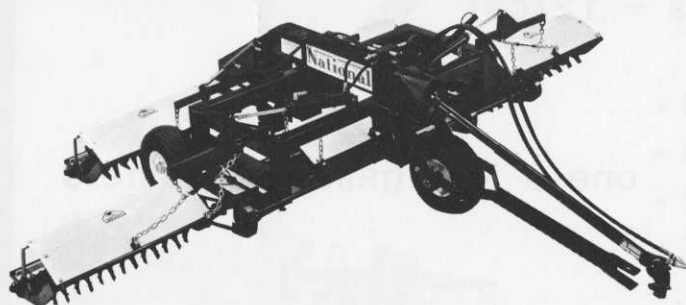
By Bill Zuraw, Superintendent
Crumpin' Fox Country Club

Through the decade of the seventies, the golf course and turf industry experienced a technological revolution. Many types of sophisticated maintenance equipment became popular because they could reduce labor costs. One of these was the triplex greensmower. Since many courses are built with greens in excess of 4000 square feet, the job of mowing can be greatly reduced by a riding triplex. Today, there are very few golf courses that do not use triplex greensmowers. But the walking greensmowers still have a place in the golf course industry. I would like to discuss some comparisons and advantages which I have discovered.

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