

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

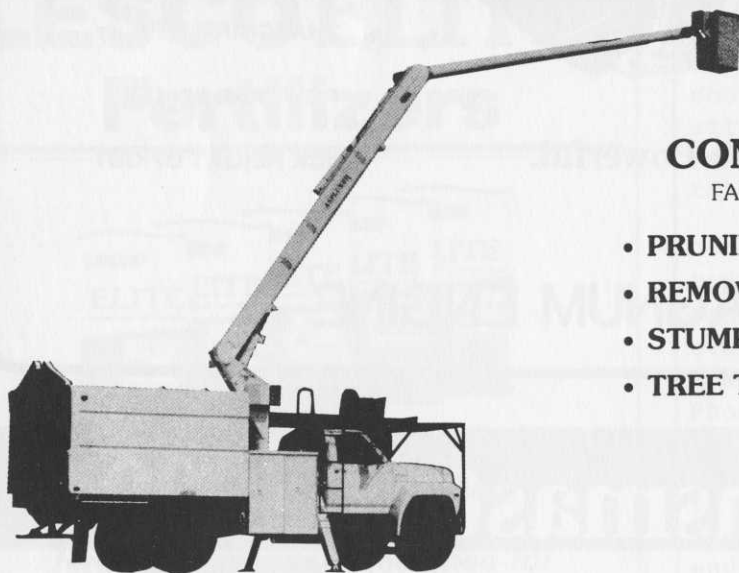
and other golf course areas except greens and tees is prohibited.

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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