

to look into and report back their findings to our membership. Following along the same lines, I hope that all of you took time to fill out the Golf Course Water Usage and Economic Survey that was sent to you. Some courses already face water restrictions and the DNR is extremely interested in working with MGCSA for adequate and fair water appropriations.

Hope to see you at our March 15th Mini-Seminar.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

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Visions of sand, surf and sunny southern California quickly faded as Minnesota superintendents made their annual pilgrimage to the 60th Annual International Turf Conference and Trade Show in Anaheim, California, February 6-13 of this year. Over 1500 preconference seminar attendees were greeted in the beginning of this spectacular week by below normal temperatures and snow as Old Man Winter made an unusual visit to this land of sun and fun.

Temperatures moderated as the week continued and the conference heated up as the opening session began Thursday evening. Bob Drum, noted TV personality, began the formal conference proceedings by giving a coolly received talk about golf and his life on the pro tour as a CBS golf analyst. A well attended reception followed at the Marriott Hotel where rock 'n' roll warmed the California visitors along with drink and friendly conversation.

The educational program continued Friday as the concurrent educational sessions began. Highlights of these sessions included talks on environmental and regulatory concerns, bacterial control of poa annua, and a whole host of topics ranging from bulkhead construction to concrete cart paths. Those attending the Golf Course Builder's workshop on Saturday were treated to talks by Jim Fazio, Jay Morish and Pete Dye as they commented about golf course architecture and future trends. Alice Dye expressed her concerns about meeting the needs of women players through golf course design. A new feature on Sunday was a symposium presented by Dr. Alex Shigo, noted tree expert, who presented his controversial thoughts on trees and their care.

For many superintendents, the highlight of the Conference was the Trade Show where golf course equipment manufacturers introduced their new lines. Hot items included Monsanto's Nomix pesticide system, Toro's fixed head greensmower, and Jacobsen's LF-100 fairway mowing unit. Miltona Turf Products, a local Minnesota company, also introduced a hexagonal turf plugger which drew waves of interest judging by the crowded

booth. In all, many superintendents were struck by the enormity of this Show as evidenced by their inquisitive looks and sore feet.

The Minnesota chapter held its caucus early Monday morning to determine its support at the annual election of officers later that day. Support for each candidate was determined on the individual qualifications of each candidate rather than political tradeoffs and campaign promises. Our support was apparently well directed as the following winning candidates received our vote.

<i>President</i>	Dennis Lyon
<i>Vice President</i>	Jerry Faubel
<i>Directors</i>	Steve Cadenelli
	Gary Griggs
	Randy Nichols

Randy Zidek was appointed to fill Jerry Faubel's remaining term and will join incumbents Bill Roberts and Joe Baidy as additional members of the current GCSAA board.

The week ended on a festive note as Chi Chi Rodriguez received the prestigious Old Tom Morris Award at the annual banquet, Monday night, in appreciation for his contributions to the world of golf.

As superintendents took off from the California basin on their return flight, many thoughts returned to Minnesota's frigid winter, and suddenly cool California wasn't such a bad place after all. The reality was that they were returning to another new season in Minnesota rather than California dreaming.

BEARD RECEIVES USGA GREEN SECTION AWARD

Dr. James B. Beard, an internationally recognized turfgrass researcher, has been named the recipient of the 1989 Green Section Award of the United States Golf Association.

Announcement of the award was made by F. Morgan Taylor Jr. chairman of the USGA Green Section Award Committee.

The award has been presented by the USGA annually since 1961 in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass. Beard received his award at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim California.

Beard has served as president of the Soil Science Division of the American Society of Agronomy and has received the Meritorious Service Award of the International Turfgrass Society. He also was one of the organizers of the International Turfgrass Research Con-