

GCSAA, NGF Conduct Maintenance Survey

The current golf season finds GCSAA and the National Golf Foundation cooperating to conduct a comprehensive, nationwide survey of golf course maintenance activity. Superintendents at every course in the country will be asked to share information on their turfgrass maintenance practices, operating and capital equipment budgets, equipment use and needs, and many other matters involved in caring for some 12,197 golf facilities.

The survey project, which grew out of discussions between NGF president David Hueber and GCSAA associate executive director Jim Prusa, will result in a major new publication, "1984 Golf Course Maintenance Cost Profile," available to superintendents through their organization and to the golf industry through the foundation. It is regarded as the pilot project in a long-range cooperative program involving the two organizations.

New GCSAA president Jim Timmerman recently said: "This joint effort between the GCSAA and the NGF is an historic undertaking certain to have synergistic results. It is yet another example of how GCSAA is demonstrating its determination to cooperate fully with other allied golf associations for the betterment of the game and business of golf."

Questionnaires for the project were developed by the association and distributed by NGF in June. The resulting data will be analyzed at the University of Kansas, and the resulting publication will be disseminated by both organizations in late summer or early fall.

GCSAA Magazine To Cover D.C. Courses

Golf courses in the Washington, D.C., area will be covered in a survey article done for GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT magazine in its September issue. Written by your editor at the request of the GCSAA public relations staff as part of the background material on the 1985 National Conference, it describes or mentions some 40 courses, concentrating as might be expected on those best known. Thanks go to Ken Ingram of Columbia, Virgil Robinson of Burning Tree, Bill Black (and the Kemper Open office) of Congressional, and others who contributed color slides of scenic holes.

Picnic 84: Crabs, Corn, Ribs, Beer For All

