

Drainage, Waste Management To Be Featured At Institute

With an established goal of "Providing Information for Responsible Turfgrass Management" the program for the 1996 Golf Course Superintendents' Institute appears to be right on the mark. Drainage, an important topic to many Northern California superintendents will be featured in the morning session. The program provides a comprehensive look at drainage that will include a discussion on the factors that effect water movement in the soils, the conditions that contribute to poor drainage, how to design, layout and construct drainage systems and the options that are available to solve drainage problems. The featured speaker, Scott Kuhn is a partner in a Pacific Northwest engineering firm specializing in sports turf drainage. Scott is familiar with problems associated with golf course drainage and will be able to provide some practical information on design, layout and drainage solutions.

After a break for lunch and a walk through the trade show, the program resumes with a discussion on a very important topic facing superintendents nationally, waste management. Attendees will receive information on how to legally and responsibly manage wastes that are generated as part of a golf course operation, as well as how waste management programs can be promoted throughout the community. The session will highlight the model program developed by the Pebble Beach Company and will feature several of their staff members.

The program concludes in the afternoon with the always informative Superintendents Forum, again covering the topic of drainage. Dean Gump, Tony Steers and Dave Sexton will discuss their personal experiences with a variety of drainage solutions including sand channel installation and sand topdressing.

Although intended to be a sidelight of the Institute, this year's golf program offers plenty of excitement as well. One of legendary golf course architect Alister MacKenzie's finest, Pasatiempo Golf Club is this year's host course and it guarantees to be a memorable experience for those who play.

For social relief a cocktail party is scheduled at the conclusion of golf on Monday evening. The party will be held at the Coconut Grove and will occur simultaneously with the opening session of the trade show.



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