

Palmer first to receive Morris Award

Arnold Palmer will be the first recipient of the Old Tom Morris Award to be presented at the 54th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Atlanta, GA, Feb. 19-25, sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The award has been instituted to recognize "an individual whose selfless commitment to the game of golf has helped further its welfare in a manner exemplified by Old Tom Morris," one of golf's foremost enthusiasts.

The award presentation will be only one highlight of the conference, which this year has also expanded its seminars, programs for spouses and initiated an open meeting for the GCSAA membership-at-large. The open meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, and will provide an open forum for the membership to discuss business, analyze the dues structure and membership concerns.

Jim Prusa, director of education, said this year's conference will concentrate on providing a show for everyone in the turf industry.

Keynote speakers for the conference have not yet been confirmed.

Delta Airlines is offering a 30 percent fare reduction to conference-goers. By calling toll-free, 1-800-241-6760, plane reservations, car rentals (also at a discount) and post-conference vacations can be arranged.

Forum points to golf "golden age"

Research and presentations from the National Golf Foundation's recent Forum of Golf indicate golf will continue moving toward a new "golden age" in the United States, effecting every aspect of the sport and industry.

During the second quarter of 1982, the NGF recorded an 8.5 increase in the percentage of rounds played since 1978 among the country's 17.37 million golfers. Such statistics promoted the "cautious optimism" that prevailed at the NGF's second annual Forum of Golf in Palm Beach Gardens, FL in October, according to Mark N. Boorman of the NGF.

"This year we noted a definite change in attitude from negative to positive among members concerning the Foundation's three areas of concern; golfers, golf facilities and rounds played," Boorman noted.

The four-day forum highlighted 20 speakers addressing all aspects of the industry including golf course maintenance, management, attitudes toward the game and the future of the industry. Among the speakers were four of the country's foremost golf architects, Jack Snyder, Geoffrey Cornish, Bill Amick and Dick Phelps. David Hueber, director of special projects for the PGA Tour, discussed the Wee Links concept of golf courses for junior golfers and Joe Moresco, head pro at Woodmere Country Club on Long Island, NY, addressed one of the more controversial topics in golf pertaining to creating a new set of women's tee markers to make golf courses fairer, not only for women, but for seniors and the infirm as well.

Frank Smith, president of the NGF said the second forum was so successful he plans to make next year's the largest annual meeting in golf.

GOVERNMENT

Report due soon on extension's future

A report will be forthcoming soon on the findings of a federally-appointed national committee formed to determine the future of cooperative extension in the United States.

The formation of the 21-member committee was prompted by accusations from the American Farm Bureau and other national farm organizations that the Cooperative Extension Service has not had sufficient budget or staff to expand its programs into urban areas, thus diluting its programs to serve only farmers and those living in rural areas. Groups such as Gardens for All and urban dwellers feel the Cooperative Extension should continue to service the people where they live—in the urban areas.

Daniel Aldrich, Chancellor at the University of California-Irvine appointed co-chairman of the committee by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block and Robert Clodius, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, said three major factors influenced the committee's research: the changing needs of counties in America more than in previous decades, changes in technology, media and communications, and the degree of control exerted by federal and local governments and state universities on the Extension programs.

In its research, the committee has taken into consideration questions and concerns sent to them from professionals in the industry and from the private sector.

TREES

Penn State "first" protects Douglas firs

A discovery by the Penn State Department of Agriculture could help protect new plantings of Douglas fir trees against gypsy moths.

Forest scientists at Penn State have discovered gypsy moths prefer some strains of Douglas firs because of the aroma of sap, or "terpenes" in the needles.

Edgar H. Palpant, research assistant in forestry at Penn State, said the discovery could help protect new plantings of resistant trees in plantations currently worth over \$75 million in Pennsylvania alone.

Palpant and his associates recom-

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