

# GCSAA plans debate, better hours for Orlando conference next month

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's 1996 conference and show, Feb. 5-11, will feature what promises to be a lively debate on golf and environmental quality, hosted by Harvard law professor Arthur Miller.

Miller, legal editor of ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," is known for his skill in guiding lively debate on current and controversial issues by presenting scenarios designed to stimulate discussion.

Panel members for the debate are Tim Hiers, CGCS, Collier's Reserve Country Club in Naples, Fla.; Bill Shirk, CGCS, Queenstown Harbor Golf Links in Grasonville, Md.; and golf course designer Dr. Michael Hurdzan of Hurdzan Golf Course

Design in Columbus, Ohio.

The evening will include the presentation of the GCSAA Environmental Steward Award, and the announcement of the association's new environmental programs and initiatives.

## Better hours

The association reports that the show schedule has been improved, with better show hours and repeat seminars on popular topics.

The board of directors of GCSAA has offered a new format that will run from Monday to Sunday, instead of Monday to Monday.

According to GCSAA, most registrants leave on Sunday and miss the final day of the trade show, annual meeting, USGA

Green Section session and the banquet and show.

The expected 20,000 attendees at this year's GCSAA show will see many new exhibitors, and have better hours in which to walk the show floor. The show starts on Friday, Feb. 9, and runs until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11.

Seven show seminars will be presented as half-day programs, as will three new technician training programs:

- Compact Diesel Engines
- Sprayer Calibration
- Irrigation Pipe Repair and Fitting.

Some seminars have been retitled to more appropriately reflect their content: Irrigation Water Quality (formerly Water Quality); Reclaimed Water Irrigation (formerly Effluent Water); Turfgrass Ecology (formerly Implementing Strategies and Plans for Turfgrass Environmental Systems); and Planting Design for the Golf Course (formerly Landscape Design and Plant Materials).

## Tour Disney golf

The Turfgrass Tour will include a look at Walt Disney World's golf and recycling facilities, its compost center, landscape and garden areas and sports field construction site.

Other tour stops include Grand Cypress Golf Course and the Scotts Co. Florida Research Facility.

## Allied presentations

Several of GCSAA's allied associations—The American Society of Golf Course Architects, the American Zoysiagrass Association, the Society of Golf Appraisers, The National Golf Foundation, and the USGA—will present programs on Feb. 10-11.

The Wednesday, Feb. 7 keynote speech will be given by Lou Holtz, head football coach at the University of Notre Dame. □

## 1996 GCSAA Conference and Show

### TRADE SHOW HOURS

|                      | OLD              | NEW              |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Distributor preview  | Friday afternoon | Friday morning   |
| Members only         | —                | Friday afternoon |
| Open hours: Saturday | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.    | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.    |
| Open hours: Sunday   | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.    | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.    |
| Open hours: Monday   | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.    | closed           |

### EVENT

|                               | OLD                  | NEW                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Golf Championship             | Monday-Tuesday       | same                    |
| Seminars                      | Monday-Thursday      | same                    |
| Opening session               | Thursday evening     | Wednesday evening       |
| Environmental General Session | Sunday morning       | Thursday evening        |
| President's Reception         | Sunday evening       | Friday evening          |
| Banquet & Show                | 2nd Monday evening   | Saturday evening        |
| Annual meeting                | 2nd Monday morning   | Saturday morning        |
| Concurrent sessions           | Friday, all day      | Friday & Sunday morning |
| Friends of Foundation Recp.   | Sunday afternoon     | Saturday afternoon      |
| Architects Session            | Sunday afternoon     | Saturday morning*       |
| USGA Green Section Session    | 2nd Monday afternoon | Sunday afternoon        |

\*tentative