

## PGMS lists show topics

The Professional Grounds Management Society has finalized its list of seminar topics to be presented at the 1997 Green Industry Expo.

The list of 18 subjects covers a variety of landscape management related duties, from athletic field management, to design, plant care and fungicides for disease control in turfgrass.

A presentation on "Team Building" will cover the best ways to encourage crews to work together for a common goal.

Dr. Alex Shigo will cover tree care and general plant care. Business consultant Dr. Larry Helms will cover "Running a Business."

## Turf restrictions amended in Nevada

The Nevada Landscape Association has reached a compromise on landscape restrictions proposed by the state's regional water commission.

The original Water Management Plan had called for:

- ▶ no turf on new commercial properties;
- ▶ no turfgrass on slopes greater than 10 degrees;
- ▶ 25 percent maximum amount of turf allowed in multi-tenant developments.

Michael King, NLA president, said he consulted with Dr. James Beard, professor emeritus, Texas A&M; Dr. Dale DeVitt, water, plant and soils specialist at UNR; and Debbie Schoenberg, chairman of Sierra Nevada Landscape Architects; and more than a dozen nursery/landscape companies, for help in revising the restrictions.

King would like to see the state adopt a performance-based water use program based on evapotranspiration (ET) rates.

"This has been a proven method in other cities where I have collected information, and it is a win-win situation in those cities; for the water purveyor, the landscape industry and conservation," said King, who added that a water conservation program based on performance would secure the water needed for Nevada landscapes. □

Other topics in the PGMS list of presentations include:

- ▶ Being a Success in Landscape Business
- ▶ Landscape Design Imaging
- ▶ Sports fields
- ▶ Planting Depths for Woody Ornamentals.

"We have purposely planned education sessions at the Conference to meet the stated needs of the full range of grounds professionals," says PGMS President Steve Wharton.

The Green Industry Expo is to be held Nov. 15-18, at the Charlotte, N.C. Convention Center. The GIE is a joint show presented by PGMS, the Professional Lawn Care Association of America and the Associated Landscape Contractors of America.

For more information on the PGMS program, call (410) 584-9754. □

## GIE moves equipment demo to day 1

The Outdoor Equipment Demonstration usually held as the wrap-up event of the Green Industry Expo is going to be the lead event of the event in 1997.

The try-before-you-buy gathering will be held Sunday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Renaissance Park in Charlotte, N.C.

The GIE show runs Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17-18 at the Charlotte Convention Center.

"The early start for the Outdoor Demo should attract more participants," says Trade Show Manager, Eleanor Ellison, who expects attendance at the outdoor event to triple. □

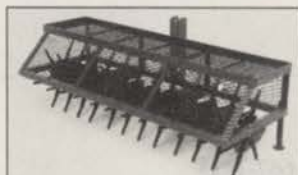
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