



News Notes for Mid-Summer

GCSAA Sponsors New Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Show — September 19-24, 1985 Indianapolis, Indiana.

For the first time in history, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is offering a unique and exceptional opportunity to everyone in golf or affiliated with the turfgrass industry. It is a Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Show. It will include seminar courses in turfgrass science, golf course design, business management and computers. There will be staff technician hands-on training courses, a two-day buying and selling equipment trade show, and outside equipment demonstration areas. On Friday, September 20, Bart Starr, former quarterback and coach of the Green Bay Packers, will give the keynote address at the luncheon banquet.

Most significantly, there will be a Turfgrass Research Conference with the latest update on research from the scientists actually doing the investigations. These are the men involved with the USGA Green Section/GCSAA Long Range Research Program for Development of Minimal Maintenance Turfgrasses.

Equally important, Crooked Stick Golf Club, in Indianapolis, will host the GCSAA Turfgrass Research Benefit Golf Tournament on Tuesday, September 24. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament will be donated to the USGA/GCSAA-sponsored research program.

This is a new Turfgrass Conference that will benefit every attendee and everyone having a stake in the future of turfgrass research. For full details and registration information, call 1-800-GSA-SUPT toll free. You will not want to miss it!



Purple Martin Condos

At Vesper Country Club, Massachusetts, Superintendent Bert A. Fredericks's father built these pert purple martin houses and located them at various places throughout the golf course. At one time, they were even considered for 150 yard markers. Apparently someone considered them too obvious for that purpose, but they have been used effectively around the course, especially in conjunction with colorful flowerbeds. This one is at the sixth tee and is obviously enjoyed by both golfers and purple martins of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

New Equipment for Water Removal

A new piece of equipment is on the horizon for fast and effective removal of water from greens, bunkers, fairways or wherever standing water is a problem. The machine (the Water Hog) causes very little compaction and can effectively

eliminate water under nearly any condition in a matter of minutes. The machine is currently being tested throughout the United States on golf courses, parks, baseball and football fields with good success. It is a machine that, sooner or later, every golf tournament official will wish he had.

