



# GCSAQ MARCH 2010 NEWSFLASH



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Hello members and welcome to 2010. As usual it has been a hectic start for all of us on our golf courses with the rains around Christmas time causing a much needed surge in growth in most parts of the State. We normally don't organise too much during the early months of the year as everyone, your Committee included, are snowed under and in the case of many courses this year, unfortunately flooded under. 2010 promises to be an exciting year with the AGCSA Conference to be held on the Gold Coast from June 21 to 25 and a great range of official GCSAQ functions.

Details will be forwarded soon on our planned year but an Education Day will be held in April south of Brisbane with a northern Day to be held in September. The John Deere Golf Day will be held at Ben Tilley's Headland GC on Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will be hosted by the President at Coolangatta Tweed GC on July 19<sup>th</sup> and the popular Supers/Managers day will be held at Shane McDonald's Oxley GC on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The year will then finish off with the Turf Research Day and traditional Christmas Party with venues to be advised. 2010 however will start with a 2IC day on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Windaroo. See the flyer for details.

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### 2010 BUS TRIP

Due to the AGCSA Conference, the Bus Trip has been bought forward to May and this years destination will be the popular spot of Coral Cove near Bundaberg. Host Super Todd McNamee and his wife are now running the Resort and have promised a great week end for us. For those who haven't been there it is well worth the trip as we found out in 2006. The week end of May 15,16 and 17 is the date and a full program will be available soon. Put the dates in your diary now.

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### AGCSA CONFERENCE

As mentioned above it will be on the Gold Coast from June 21 to 25. It is the "major" Conference and as such there will be a Turf Technicians section in addition to the Golf section. This presents a great opportunity for your Techs to get some first hand education and network with fellow Techs from Qld and the rest of the country. This is a valuable prospect and one that shouldn't be missed and it obviously presents the perfect chance for other staff to also attend some or all of the days. Ben Baumann and Phil Soegaard and their respective staffs will be hard at it preparing The Glades and Lakelands for the golf championships which I think it might be a tad warmer and hopefully drier than Tassie was last year.

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### 2010 QLD GOLF INDUSTRY AWARDS

The Awards presentation was held on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and three Awards were presented on behalf of the GCSAQ. Wayde Leech from Noosa Springs won the Supers Environmental Award following his great work at Noosa Springs during and since construction. Jesse Zervos from Coolangatta Tweed was successful in the Turf Apprentice of the Year award from an impressive group of five nominees. The Industry Recognition Award was won by Grovely TAFE'S Brian Dale. Brian has been teaching turf since 1992 and is one of the back room people who make up our education system who are not often heard from but form the backbone of our industry. More information on the winners is available in the latest Australian Turf Management Journal.

It was pleasing at the Awards night to hear Club representatives from Headland and Royal Queensland mention their Supers Ben Tilley and Danny Brown in their speeches.

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### 2 IC DAY

2010 kicks off with a different start this year with a day for our 2IC's at Windaroo GC on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Presenters on the day will be Dean Scullion from Epar, Ian Gray from Toro and Jon Mathias from Indooroopilly GC (see enclosed flyer) and 9 holes of golf will be available for those interested. The day is not restricted to Assistants and is open to any of your staff who you think may benefit from the day.

**Please RSVP as soon as you can.**

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**Golf Course Superintendents  
Association of Queensland Inc.**



## **2010 GCSAQ 2IC ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING**

- WHEN ?** Tuesday March 23rd.
- WHERE ?** Windaroo GC. 8.30am for breakfast. 9.00am start. 12.00 noon lunch.  
1.00pm 9 holes of golf if you wish.
- WHY ?** Our Assistants and other management staff need education and a reward for effort.
- WHO ?** Any management staff are encouraged to attend, be they 2IC's, Foremen, Spray Techs, Turf Techs or just good employees. Oh and Superintendents are most welcome to come along too.
- COST ?** As with all GCSAQ Education Days the day is free of charge.
- WHO ?** Who's speaking that is. Cast your eyes over the following;
- Jon Mathias, Indooroopilly GC.***  
Jon has impressed us all with his commonsense approach and will focus on a "Welcome to Management" theme which will discuss some of the challenges new managers face as they move up the chain of command.
- Dean Scullion, E Par.***  
Dean needs no introduction and will cover Environmental Best Practice and then conduct an Environmental Debrief session which will include running a "TEE" (Training for an Environmental Event) exercise.
- Ian Gray, Toro***  
Ian is the Irrigation specialist with Toro Queensland and will be looking at what's new in irrigation, the features of NSN (National Service Network), trouble shooting and problem solving.
- Paul Spencer, Greenway Solutions.***  
Paul heads up his own company and could well be Australia's leading authority on soil/water relationships. Paul will take some of the mystery out of interpreting soil and water test results and explain what you really need to look for and act on.

*Sounds good doesn't it? So pick up the phone and book in as many of your staff as you wish to ensure that this day is the success it deserves.*

**RSVP to Peter Lonergan on 0408 611 785.**