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Disappointed golfers are never at a loss to have fun. Many searched out other area courses that were open and did play. Others quickly found card games while many others used the time to swap ideas and experiences. The social hour and dinner were still a very fine affair. The Golf Tournament was rescheduled for Olympic Hills on Thursday, October 5 at which time Leif Erickson will defend his championship.

BIG WINNER. Big Lyle Olson is congratulated by Co-Chairman Can Evavold on winning stereo grand prize.

BIG APPETITES. Beautiful and bountiful hors d'oeuvres spread got top line attention.

BIG SHOT. Bill Hauck, pro at Majestic, congratulates Terry McGovern on Hole-In-One on 8th at Golden Valley that day.
SAFETY IS IMPORTANT WHEN HANDLING AND STORING PESTICIDES

Proper handling and storage of pesticides should be an integral part of any golf course superintendent's chemical use program. These substances, with their remarkable abilities to enhance the appearance and playability of a golf course also have the potential for considerable damage to you and your employees' health.

Improper handling of even small amounts of pesticides can cause blurred vision, headaches, nausea and chest constriction. Larger doses can deposit dangerous chemicals in the bloodstream, causing permanent damage to organs, especially the lungs and kidneys. Periodic blood tests should be run on workers who regularly come in contact with pesticides.

Establishing some clear and easily followed rules will protect you and your crew when handling potentially dangerous chemicals.

Read and reread the product label each time the pesticide is used. Manufacturers review and test their products often and may change label instructions. Wear protective clothing when handling pesticides. Long sleeves, rubber gloves, unvented goggles and a respirator are necessary. Never drink anything, eat, smoke, put your hands in your mouth or rub your eyes while handling chemicals. Avoid spraying on windy days and always stay upwind when spraying. Wash thoroughly with soap and water when you've completed a job.

Use good housekeeping practices, washing chemical spills off work areas and mixing equipment promptly. Even the smallest splash of pesticide on your skin should be washed off with soap and water immediately. Having a safety shower in the chemical mixing area for washing off larger spills gives added protection.

The proper storage and mixing facilities are a great aid to having a safe pesticide operation. A separate room or building for these functions is preferable, but under all circumstances you should have a lockable storage area and a mixing bench with running water. Pesticides should be segregated according to type to prevent cross-contamination and should be kept away from other supplies.

Containers for chemical storage should be clearly marked and periodically inspected for leaks or corrosion. Use original containers whenever possible. Under no circumstances should a pesticide be stored or mixed in a container that could be mistaken for a beverage or food container - a drinking water jug, for example.

Allowances should be made for the collection and proper disposal of runoff from the chemical preparation area. You should also develop a plan for containing water contaminated by fighting a fire in the chemical storage area.

Avoid the temptation to stockpile pesticides. Use up supplies on hand before you order more and don't accumulate odds and ends of old chemicals.

A safe operation is no less efficient than a careless one. In fact, careful handling of expensive compounds and strict adherence to use guidelines may reduce waste and save you money in the end.

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Many turf managers find that the more common pests and diseases are most likely to surface at a particular time of year. By keeping track of these cycles, they can tell well ahead of time what provisions they need to make to counteract potential problems.

An efficient method for forecasting your pesticide needs is to create an ongoing annual calendar, divided into months or weeks, as appropriate. Go through your records of actual pesticide usage for the past several years, noting in your calendar when pests or disease historically have appeared on your course and what action was most effective against them.

In addition to past experience, you should enter data collected from local experts, including universities, consultants and other superintendents. This information will make you aware of developing problems.

Taken together, this information will give you a rather specific time frame in which to be alert for a given pest or disease. Weather may affect your timetable somewhat, but you should be able to maintain a schedule accurate within ten days.

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Green Clippings

APPRECIATION. George Ostler, Chairman of the Research Program, wants to thank Dan Stangl at the Pierz Municipal Golf Course for the contribution to the Research Fund and the use of the practice green and the 6th green as test plots for the Research Program.

IS ATLANTA IN YOUR FUTURE? February 4-9, 1979 are the dates. The occasion the G.C.S.A.A. National Conference. The theme "Appraising Our Past-Discovering Our Future". The preconference seminars will begin Saturday, February 3 with concurrent educational sessions beginning on Monday, February 5 and continuing through Friday, February 8. The conference will conclude on Friday with a tour of Atlanta area golf courses. It appears that the Atlanta Show will surpass San Antonio's in size and number of exhibitors. So far fifteen new companies have contracted to exhibit at the Atlanta Show.

NEW MOWING MACHINE. A highly maneuverable, heavy-duty new riding mower aimed at the grounds maintenance market has been introduced by R. L. Gould & Co., 3711 Lexington Ave. North, St. Paul. Called the "Turfcat" the machine has been engineered for commercial applications. It features rear-wheel steering which permits very tight turns for easy trimming and a hydrostatic transmission allowing the operator to concentrate on mowing rather than gear shifting.

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The Turfcat is a product to the Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc., Racine, Wisconsin.

MEET YOUR SUPERINTENDENTS!

SCOTT AINSWORTH is in his third year as golf course superintendent at the River Falls Golf Club in River Falls, Wisconsin. This is Scott's first superintendent position and he has found the challenge to be extremely enjoyable and an invaluable learning experience. In the short time Scott has been at River Falls, an entirely new irrigation system and pump station have been installed and he believes this type of construction is only learned by going through the experience yourself. A member of M.G.C.S.A. since 1976, Scott acquired his formal turf education at Penn State University and also worked on the crew at Interlachen before moving over to River Falls. A bachelor, Scott's favorite pastime is the unusual hobby of candle making.

JERRY HECKLER is the first and only superintendent the three and one-half year old Cottonwood Golf Club has ever known. Prior to joining the staff at Cottonwood in 1975, Jerry was the golf course superintendent at the Canby Golf Club for six years. Jerry entered the turf industry in a very unusual manner. While a member of the Canby Golf Club, he became dissatisfied with the condition of the greens and set out to correct the problem. The members were overjoyed with the change and decided to make him superintendent. He has been in the field ever since. Although having no formal turf education, Jerry has learned the art of turf care by reading every article he can possibly get his hands on and also he admits a little trial and error. Jerry and his wife, Joan, have two children and a house full of plants.
51st Annual Turf Conference & Business Meeting
November 29, 30 & December 1, 1978

Sheraton Inn-Northwest

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- Dr. George Blake
- Mr. Donovan Taylor
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- Dr. Houston Couch
- Mr. Mel Anderson
- Dr. James Watson
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- GCSAA Representative
- And others yet to be confirmed

Special Events

- Wednesday, November 29
  - Annual Meeting 5:00 PM
- Thursday, November 30
  - Stag Party 5:30 PM
- Friday, December 1
  - Banquet Cocktails 6:30 PM
  - Dinner 8:00 PM
  - Dancing 9:00 PM

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* SPECIAL SINGLE DAY FEES FOR THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ONLY PART OF THE CONFERENCE. *
* WEDNESDAY, $10.00; THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, $15.00. INCLUDES ALL COFFEE BREAKS AND LUNCH ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. *

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 a.m. - Registration and Coffee

9:00 a.m. - WATCHING AND LISTENING TO THE WORLD OF GOLF  
  Waxo Green, Sportswriter, The Nashville Tennessean, Nashville, Tenn.

10:00 a.m. - TAKING CARE OF THE GOLFERS  
  Ole Bill Lyons, Owner, The Lyons Den Golf Course, Canal Fulton, Ohio

11:00 a.m. - GOLF COURSE PLAYABILITY CHANGES I HAVE SEEN  
  Harold Sargent, Golf Professional and Former President, P.G.A.  
  Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Georgia

NOON - LUNCH

2:00 p.m. - RESEARCH TOWARD FAST GRASS IN THE NORTHEAST  
  Dr. C. R. Skogley, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

2:45 p.m. - SHORT BREAK

3:15 p.m. - THE PROMISE AND PERIL OF THE STIMPMETER  
  Carl Schwartzkopf, Director, North Central Region U.S.G.A. Green Section,  
  Crystal Lake, Illinois

4:00 p.m. - RESEARCH TOWARD FAST GRASS IN THE MIDWEST  
  Dr. Alfred J. Turgeon, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 a.m. - WHAT IS SACRIFICED FOR UNREALISTIC GOALS  
  Theodore W. Woehrle, CGCS, Oakland Hills Country Club and Former  
  President, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Troy, Mich.

9:30 a.m. - HIGH QUALITY TURF UNDER STRESS  
  Bobby McGee, Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Georgia

10:00 a.m. - BREAK

10:30 a.m. - FAST GRASS AT A UNIQUE CLUB  
  Thomas F. Rewinski, National Golf Links of America, Southampton, New York

11:00 a.m. - PROVIDING ALL GOLFERS' DESIRES FOR PLAYABILITY  
  Garold M. Murphy, CGCS, Somerset Country Club, St. Paul, Minnesota

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