GREEN CLIPPINGS

CLIP 1: JANUARY MEETING. The January meeting at Izaty's Lodge on Mille Lacs Lake featured a lot of activity, little of which involved bragging about your catch. Oh, there were some caught but mostly the fun was in the trying. Aside from the fishing, the lodge bar caught most of the action along with cards, pinball and general jovial conversation. A superb dinner of either steak or pike or both easily satisfied the appetites of the 50 plus outdoorsmen. Vice-President Dennis Hendrickson chaired the short business meeting which featured the acceptance of four new members as reported elsewhere in this issue. Our thanks to Jerry Dubbs for his extra effort in opening up especially for the M.G.C.S.A. and best wishes and all good fortune on the construction of your new nine holes next spring.

CLIP 2: FROM THE PREZ. A special thank you to the many members and the M.G.A. staff for all the cards, phone calls and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. Also thanks to the association for the beautiful azalea plant. Your concern has been very much appreciated and it made my stay in the hospital much more pleasant. I am recovering quickly and expect to be back to normal in a week or two. THANK YOU. Dick DeSplinter

CLIP 3: MEETING NOTICE. There will be a Minnesota Chapter Caucus meeting February 20 at the Mayfair Hotel in St. Louis. Please plan to attend. If any changes are made you will be notified in St. Louis.

CLIP 4: RECLASSIFICATION. Check the bylaws in the roster for classification requirements. If you are ready for a change, contact the membership chairman, Steve Young, with the particulars.

CLIP 5: HOSPITALITY. Minnesota Toro will have a Hospitality Suite in St. Louis at the International Turfgrass Conference on Tuesday, February 19. The suite is at Stouffer's Riverfront Hotel in the Lewis & Clark Room. It will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to drop in and relax.

SKILL AND PATIENCE. M.G.C.S.A. members did not get shut out at Mille Lacs. Roger Kisch, left, proudly displays a 4 lb. walleye caught with help from Larry Mueller, right, and Dean Sime, the photographer, who recorded the event for posterity.
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The new Scholarship, Ecology and Research Committee has recently been formed. The new committee members are: ROGER KISCH, Southview C.C., Co-Chairman; DENNIS HENDRICKSON, Honeywell C.C., Co-Chairman; KERRY GLADER, St. Cloud C.C.; DALE CALDWELL, Town & CC; KEITH SCOTT, Oak Ridge C.C.; GERALD MURPHY, Somerset C.C.; RANDY NELSON, Owatonna CC; DOUGLAS MAHAL, Interlachen C.C.

We are still in the formative stages. However, at present our plans include: 1) To continue the present snow mold fungicide program at Rochester, Bemidji, Detroit Lakes, Forest Lake, International Falls, Roseau, Duluth and two Twin City locations, Somerset Country Club and Oak Ridge Country Club; 2) To continue fertilizer studies at Rochester, Duluth and Oak Ridge Country Club; 3) To continue Pythium studies at Interlachen C.C.; 4) To continue Dollar Spot studies at the University of Minnesota; 5) To expand studies on resistant Dollar Spot at Somerset C.C.; 6) To begin a sand top dressing study at a location yet to be determined.

Our concern as a committee is to use the resources we have available in the best possible way. Hopefully we are doing this. What can we as members of the MGCSA do in the area of research? First of all, we can discuss our feelings as to what should be studied with other superintendents and then with the committee. Secondly, whenever we have the opportunity we should visit the turf plots where these studies are proceeding. We all will get a better understanding if we see the plots first hand. Thirdly, it is our responsibility as members to bring the research our association is doing to the attention of our clubs and to help whenever possible with the funding for the program. Every club and superintendent is benefiting from the work which is being done. Let's all pitch in and do our share.
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