

— OBSERVATIONS —

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE AND GOLF TOURNAMENT IN GUADALAJARA

If hotel accommodations hold a big key to our enjoyment when we are away from home, then the Sheraton Hotel chain has to be voted No. 1 in my books. The Sheraton in St. Louis was super and the one in Guadalajara absolutely outstanding.

2. The GCSAA Educational Committee should be complimented very highly on going off the well-worn speaker path and presenting a serious discussion of a problem which long has been ignored. The talk by Frank Lamphier was on a gold medal level.

3. The party put on by Bob Johnson, president of Illinois Lawn was in my book the best one I have attended in years. A riverboat atmosphere, an artist to draw your picture, fresh food and lots of it. Boy! What Class!

4. The Host Association, Mississippi Valley, headed by Lee Redman did a wonderful job of hosting the 51st Conference, in their town.

5. Was it really necessary to introduce every minor employee from GCSAA headquarters at our annual banquet? I also don't see the sense of seating them at a front table whereas our members who traveled from distant places are shuffled to the back of the room.

5. Those of you across the country (and there were many, many) missed one of the great golf sites in our history. The weather was super, the courses magnificent, the people friendly and hospitable. Shame on you for being narrow-minded and staying home. You have missed an outstanding experience.

7. If you have forgotten what good caddies are like go to Guadalajara and know the meaning of Chic Evans' famous statement, "He is not just a boy carrying my bag, he is my partner."

8. I don't know who I'd want to be with on that "Island" we sometimes fantasize about, (Bo Derek? Adolph Bertucci? Gordon Witteveen?) but I do know what I would wish to eat every day. Mexican Menudo soup with cow tongue every morning and of course, Russian Borscht in the afternoon.

9. I enjoyed drinking Cerveza and playing golf with an old friend Fred Chavez from New Mexico. I didn't know until now that Fred's great-great grandfather was the Greatest Indian Chief of All — Geronimo!

Paul N. Voykin
1st Flight Championship

LETTER FROM STANLEY RACHESKY

Dear Colleagues, Friends and Associates:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of my departure from the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

I am going into business for myself to develop pest management programs for industry. My new company name will be: S. Rachesky & Associates and the new address and phone number is: 665 Forest, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, (312) 893-9342 or 858-8356.

Thank you for all your support through the past years and if I can be of any help to you in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Stanley Rachesky

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