

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

President John Berarducci appointed the 1982 nominating committee at the May Board Meeting. The committee's responsibility is to compile a selection of candidates to fill the vacancies on the Executive Board. The 1982 nominating committee consists of the following:

Leonard H. Berg, CGCS - Chairman
Edward W. Fisher, CGCS
Robert K. Breen
Carl G. Hopphan
Fred Opperman, CGCS

In order to hold office in the M.A.G.C.S. a member has to be classified as a Class A member of this association. Members are urged to get out and solicit quality candidates to fill the vacancies on the board. Keep in mind a strong Executive Committee makes for a strong Association.

Written nominations will be received until August 21, 1982. The following is a list of offices to be filled: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and two (2) Directors. Submit the name(s) of those who you feel want to serve on the Board and who will be willing to give unselfishly of their time; to any member of the Nominating Committee.

The present Officers of the this Association express their sincere appreciation for your participation in this matter.

The following are excerpts from a recently received letter to Harley-Davidson Dealers:

Gentlemen:

Columbia Car Corporation today formally acquired the Harley-Davidson Golf Car Division in its entirety after several months of negotiations.

We are very confident and enthusiastic about this new venture. The April 18-20 session with the Dealer Advisory Council confirmed the problems and deficiencies of the past and those still remaining. We will begin immediately dealing with your needs in costs, merchandising, service and other areas.

Together, Henry Predolin, our Chairman, and I have served nearly a half century as corporate chief executives. Henry's experience has been in trucking; mine in the manufacturing of machine tools. We know there is a job to do in regaining the prestige and sales level recently enjoyed by this golf car. Be assured, we have the financing, competence, and facilities to get the job done. Our modern, three year old, 90,000 sq. ft. building is in Deerfield, WI, twenty miles east of Madison. We will be a totally integrated organization with the sole purpose of building golf cars. I will devote all my time to the corporation.

Golfing and golf club management are both second homes to Henry and myself. For many years we have ridden in Harley-Davidson cars at clubs where we belonged. Presently I serve as a Director and Officer of the National Club Association and as a Director of the Greater Milwaukee Country Club Association. Together Henry and I approach our new venture with great personal and business interest.

Joseph N. Noll, President

We wish to thank our current customers for their past support. To those of you not using Harley's we hope to have an opportunity to show you our products. We will continue to offer you the best parts and service available for Columbia Golf Cars and Club Car Golf Cars that we possibly can. Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc.

IN YOUR GARDEN

WINTER DAMAGE TO PLANTS SHOWING NOW

We are just beginning to see the damage to trees and shrubs from the severe winter cold, this according to James A. Fizzell, University of Illinois Horticulturist Cook County. Many trees and shrubs showed signs of spring growth and then suddenly wilted in a matter of days, he says. Included in this group are barberries, privets, forsythia; shade trees such as ash and maple; and stone fruit trees, peach, plum and sweet cherry.

The top branches appear wilted first. Gradually, the "wilt" moves down the tree. Individual branches may die without the rest of the tree being affected. Trees and shrubs less than five years old are more likely to suffer damage though several Japanese maples over twenty years old have died throughout Illinois.

Fizzell reports the severe winter temperatures kill the cambium layer of the plant. This layer produces wood (xylem) to the inside and phloem and bark to the outside. What makes it so susceptible to damage is the fact that it is found just underneath the bark and is only a few cells thick. The cold can kill the cambium outright or it can cause it to break by continual freezing and thawing during the winter.

The xylem carries water up the stem of the plant, and eventually matures as the heartwood. The xylem cells remain capable of transporting water for approximately two to three months. Those laid down during the spring harden by fall and are unable to move water. Those developed during the fall are the ones that carry the water up the tree or shrub in the spring as the plant leaves out.

Once these cells become hard, it's up to the cambium to create new ones. If this doesn't occur, the plant is strapped for water and starts to wilt. During the particularly warm spell we experienced this spring, a tremendous stress was put on the plants. The winter damaged plants couldn't supply adequate water to the leaves and wilted.

A good way to determine winter kill is to carefully scrape away the bark, especially at the crotches of the tree. A normal tree or shrub will have a light tan layer with a touch of green just under the bark. In winter-injured trees the layer is brown.

Many trees cannot be saved once damaged by the winter. If a branch appears to be wilting, check under the bark. In particularly dry periods, make sure there is ample supply of moisture for the tree. Some success has been shown on many of the stone fruits by severely pruning when damage is likely to have occurred to lessen the stress on the tree. But after the damage takes place, you may have to resign yourself to digging up the tree and trying again.

While we cannot control the weather, we can take some precautions to make sure plants go into winter in as healthy a condition as possible.

Keep foliage free of diseases and insects so they will produce maximum stored carbohydrates for the tree.

Avoid late summer fertilization which may interfere with the plant becoming dormant.

And last, says Fizzell, since indications are that winters will become more severe, avoid planting species which regularly winter injure.

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Oscar Miles requests 5 or 6 superintendents or assistants to Marshall Western Open from June 30th - July 4th.