

## CGCMA Notes

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This is the start of a new year and a new beginning for the Chicagoland Golf Course Mechanic's Association (C.G.C.M.A.).

The year has started off great with the school and tour of the Toro plant in Tomah, Wisconsin. This outing has brought the members of the association to 75% completion for the educational programs.

The school and tour has been the best in service so far. When we arrived in Tomah, the C.G.C.M.A. was greeted by the Toro plant managers and then we were treated to dinner. At dinner, members of the C.G.C.M.A. joined some employees from the Toro plant. Among them were Fred Boos, Toro Plant Manager, and Mike McDaniels, Dave Betthausen and Jim Kubina, Toro Engineers.

The members of the C.G.C.M.A. and the people from Toro were excited about the meeting since this was the first of its kind. The discussions ranged from solutions to problems we see in the field, to types of products the members of the C.G.C.M.A. would like to see in the future.

The following day, during the class agenda, we were shown a slide presentation of how Toro evolved into the turf industry. Then more specifically, different types of equipment. Such as the 223 D Fairway machine, GR 3000 Aerators and the Groundmaster.

I personally feel by continuing these programs, the mechanic's knowledge of the different types of machinery will be greatly enhanced and thus be able to work more efficiently. This will be appreciated by all Golf Course Superintendents.

In closing I would like to extend a special thanks to Jim Reed, Chicago Turf, Fred Boos, Dave Betthausen and Julie Felts, with Toro, for making this a success.

### C.G.C.M.A. Meeting Dates for 1990

- 1/15 Toro, Tomah, WI
- 2/13 EZ-GO, Lake Zurich, IL
- 3/13 Bryn Mahr C.C.
- 4/10 Stone Bridge C.C.
- 5/8 Wystone C.C.
- 6/12 Butler C.C.
- 7/?? TBA
- 8/14 Old Elm C.C.
- 9/11 River Forest G.C.
- 10/9 Olympia Fields C.C.
- 11/13 Illinois Lawn
- 12/?? N.C.T.E., Springfield, IL

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