

(Chapter Affiliation continued)

- Affiliated Chapters would be required to submit annual reports such as financial statements, articles of incorporation, membership rosters, bylaws, certificate of insurance, etc. GCSAA currently makes this type of information available to chapters and the committee felt the chapters should be required to do the same to improve communications, cross referencing, data bases, etc.
- Affiliated Chapters would be required to send an official chapter representative to the annual Chapter Relations meeting.
- Affiliated Chapters would be required to obtain liability insurance for its Officers and Directors as well as general liability insurance with minimums of \$1,000,000.00.
- Affiliated Chapters would be required to maintain the following GCSAA Class A,B, and C membership percentages: Jan. 1, 2000 - 51%, Jan. 1, 2005 - 75%, Jan. 1, 2010 - 100%. This means that over the next 15 years , Affiliated Chapters would be required to bring the percentage of GCSAA membership in classifications A,B, and C to 100%.

The benefits of a chapter being affiliated with GCSAA include delegate voting, cooperative efforts funding research, executive staff benefits for the local chapter, data base accessibility, GCSAA regional seminars, and more. This is a great opportunity for our profession to grow dramatically over the next fifteen years and I hope the MAGCS will support these efforts in the area of improved Chapter Relations.



### Larry Schmidt goes fishin'

Long-term Illinois Lawn employee, Larry Schmidt, will be making a move in late August. Larry, who was a mechanic for the Catholic Cemeteries of Chicago, left there in 1962 to work at Illinois Lawn Equipment. In his 33 years at Illinois Lawn Larry has been a Mechanic, Shop Foreman, Service Manager, Director of Service; and, most recently, he has been using his expertise in the Parts Department.

In September, Larry will become Service Manager for Smithco, Inc., working at their factory in Cameron, Wisconsin. He will be responsible for products produced at Smithco's Cameron facility. Included, among others, are the Trap Rake, Athletic Field Condition, Sweep Star, and the Spray Star.

Larry and his wife, Sandy, have purchased a house on Pokegma Lake in Chetek, Wisconsin. The house is a ten-minute drive from the Smithco factory and is on the same lake that Larry and his family have vacationed on for the past 35 years.

Another recent big event in Larry and Sandy's life was the birth of grandchild number one, a girl, born on July 13, Courtney Condon.

All of Larry's friends, customers and co-workers wish him the best, but we understand that the fish in Pokegma Lake are circulating a petition against letting expert fisherman, Larry Schmidt, become a permanent resident.

# From tee to green and everything in between, nothing controls turf diseases like Chipco® 26019.



**RHONE POULENC AG COMPANY**  
P.O. Box 12014, 2 T. W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
919/549-2000