

“Everybody’s Crazy ‘Bout A Sharp-Dressed Man”



“A Study in Golf Fashion” would be an apt description of this photograph. Taken in 1980 during GCSAA’s annual postconference tour and tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico, the photo is a time capsule of the styles of the era. Pictured from left to right (in and amongst the plaids, paisleys, stripes, checks, herringbones, polka dots and oversized collars) are Carl Langrebe of Hinsdale C.C., Joe Williamson of Briar Ridge C.C., Bill Saielli of Indian Hill Club, Mike Bavier of Inverness G.C., Alex Eguiarte of Guadalajara C.C., Adolph Bertucci of Lakeshore C.C. and John Beraducci of Skokie C.C.

The adventurous group was among a small contingency of MAGCS members who ventured to Mexico after the 51st Annual Golf Course Conference and Show in St. Louis, MO (where Mike Bavier was elected vice president of GCSAA). Mike was able to recall several interesting stories—most of them unprintable—about the trip, with the most memorable being the lack of respect our profession still suffered. “When we arrived at the airport,” Mike recounts, “they loaded our golf bags in a dump truck and hauled them off to the golf course like a load of

gravel.” Mike also relates that back then the wives of the contestants had a tournament as well, which was played at the Guadalajara Country Club; while the men played at the Club de Golf, Santa Anita Country Club and the San Isidro Country Club, shown here.

Thanks to all of these unwitting models for allowing us to get a glance back at the way we were.

