

69-74. His victory was not absolute though as he had to play a sudden death playoff, winning on the first hole by sinking a thirty foot no brainer for a birdie. Our own Bob Kronn played quite well also having rounds of 76-74. The team play was won by the group from Old Dominion with a score of 630. The Midwest team put up a valiant effort but faltered in the final round. After the first day we held a 11 stroke lead and everyone was all smiles, but at the final gun we stood 15 strokes behind the champions. It was nevertheless, a most enjoyable tournament, and who wants to win a dumb trophy anyway.

Ignoring the fact that we succumbed to humiliating defeat, and ignoring the fact that the weather was lousy, there were a few good aspects to our stay. First of all, the tournament committee, headed by Mike Bavier, did an excellent job of organizing the event. I've played in many tournaments and none have run more smoothly. It is nearly an impossible task to accommodate 200 golfers at two courses for two days, plus arrange for prizes, plus arrange for a banquet, pictures, etc. All of these things were handled very expertly. Thanks should also go to the staffs at the Corpus Christi Country Club and Padre Isles Country Club and the Pharaoh's Country Club, site of the women's tournament, for their complete cooperation. The treatment we received was beyond reproach.

Now that this tournament is history I would like to make a suggestion for future tournaments, specifically concerning the selection of the Midwest team. This year the team was chosen by taking the four golfers with the lowest handicaps. As it is always difficult to know who will play well, especially after a two or three month layoff, I felt that this was the most equitable means of selection. There is an alternative to this method which I find much more attractive. Since everyone who is playing in the tournament arrives a day or two early to get in some practice, I think there should be a play off for the four team positions on the day before the tournament. Thus, everyone who wants to play on the team will be given an opportunity to qualify. The exact time and location would be established well in advance and the only excuse for not playing would be that the course was closed. Anyone who does not play in the qualifying round will not be eligible for a position on the team. I believe this would eliminate any questions as to the selection of players.

I for one, am looking forward to next year already as it is always very enjoyable. Hopefully more of our Midwest members will be able to attend. I will close with this thought; the tournament is restricted to two hundred players, if the Midwest were to have two hundred entrants we would win by nolo contendere.

A "CORRECTION"

The March issue of the **Bull Sheet** published an editorial by **Tom Vieweg**. It read - After hearing many of you advocate "low N" for a fertilization program, I used your experiences and gave it a try. This year we used just under 4#/1000 sq. ft. actual K₂O was applied.

It should have read - After hearing many of you advocate "low N" for a fertilization program, I used your experiences and gave it a try. This year we used just under 4#/1000 Sq. Ft. of total nitrogen. This was complimented with a high potash level. With most potash applied in the spring and fall, a total of 6#/1000 sq. ft. actual K₂O was applied.



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SAN ANTONIO - The Feminine Side

As we deplaned at the San Antonio airport our gears shifted into a Texas low and we were ready to renew friendships and start participating in the cycle of conference activities.

Monday began with the opening remarks and keynote speech by Dr. Earl Butz. His humorous presentation set the pace for an enjoyable and educational week.

As the cycle of the conference revolved the ladies program stayed on course with its traditional Tuesday tour.

This year's agenda took us through San Antonio which is a fascinating blend of history and progress. The city with its heavy Mexican influence is uniquely un-Texan. San Antonio sometimes seems like a different country.

Our first stop was the Mission San Jose with its granery, chapel, and Indian barracks. (Imagine, each set of rooms came with a fireplace and outdoor grill). Then on to the Spanish governor's palace which wasn't exactly the "palace" I had envisioned. Palace standards were quite austere compared to the European castle standards of the time. The tour proceeded through the King William area where we viewed the Steve's Home and other 100-year old homes in various stages of restoration.

The most amusing part of the tour was the Lone Star Brewery with its collections of horns, fins, and feathers. It's hard to decide what was more enjoyable, the guide's stories or the bartender's brew. Then we spent some time at the El Mercado shopping and comparing prices and finds. A 25 cent difference could evoke moans and groans.

The tour ended with lunch near the restored La Villita (Little Village) complete with a mariachi band and authentic Mexican food. (What I wouldn't have given for a cheeseburger!)

On our own, the city offered even more attractions - the Alamo, quaint restaurants, the Paseo del Rio, and shopping. After listening to Dr. Butz on consumerism and profits and examining the conference theme of "Economy thru Ideas", I formed some ideas of my own and went downtown to shop at Frosts.

See you next year.

Charlotte Landgrebe

EDITORIAL

How important are your associations to you?

Are they important enough to inspire your involvement? Is being "just a member" enough? Are there facets of these associations which distress you - things with which you fundamentally agree but wish to see improved?

This is my attitude having returned from San Antonio and recently attending the Midwest Association meeting at Nordic Hills.

Thoughts

Many questions come to mind about the GCSAA.

Why did no one in the annual meeting question Ted Woehrle when he announced that the current lawsuits against the GCSAA could cost up to \$38,000 for pay and damages they allege they are entitled to.

Why did no one ask Ted about the appointment of Rich Eichner as director considering the fact that Rich wasn't on the ballot last year and at the time of the appointment wasn't certified? The latter is certainly a sore point with me after last few elections.

There might be very good answers to these questions, but no one asked. Should I have asked? Perhaps, but our association seems to do the asking about nearly everything - a reason for our popularity. Remember the fuss over the headquarters change. When this move was discussed, we predicted high costs and personnel turnover. The record speaks for itself. It seems to me that the best place for an office is near Washington D.C., considering present legislation in Congress.

Why does the GCSAA waste time on insurance and pension programs when we can do the same or better individually?

What does the ethics committee do?

Why does someone want to be a director of GCSAA?

Should there be more directors?

Should the election be by mail rather than delegate vote?

Do you realize that if you are not a member of GCSAA you can receive the **Superintendent** magazine for \$5 a year and attend the conference and show for \$60? You cannot, however, vote.

Do you have any thoughts about the educational sessions? Perhaps there should be discussion groups. Mike would like to hear your comments.

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What does or should the GCSAA do that is important to you? The items that top my list are: (not in any order)

Conference and show
Other education
Governmental relations
Magazine
Research

Why is there a contest for the best local newsletter?
What good is certification?

By the way, I have been asked to serve on the certification committee. I indeed will and would appreciate any comments you might have.

Midwest Association

This local may be the largest extent. It is becoming very hard to find accommodations for meetings. If you can help, please call Bob Breen.

Is the MAGCS too large?

What are the purposes of this association and are we meeting them?

Why don't more superintendents come to meetings?

There are many other questions one might have about these or other associations. If you have any answers or comments, I am sure that Ray Gerber would like to hear from you.

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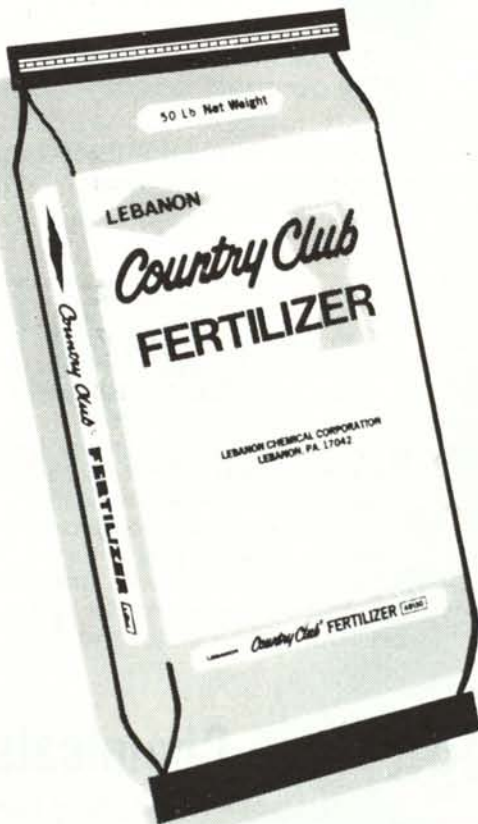
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By Carl Landgrebe
Supt., Hinsdale G.C.

Another GCSAA conference was enjoyed by many and in a most snow-free rewarding setting. It's true the Bermuda was dormant, but certainly not its managers, the local association members who were most warm accommodating hosts.

The opportunities for broadening one's educational horizons were abundant. But at major events it is always the highlights that are first recalled later as memorable experiences. Truly the highlight of this meeting was the keynote address "I Don't Want to Live in a No Growth Society" by Dr. Earl Butz. This was exemplified by the emotional reaction displayed by his audience.

We midwesterners (non-Purdue graduates included) were afforded added enjoyment in being able to share in his reminiscing stories of his northern Indiana homestead. Although his presentation was most appropriate for all our GCSAA group as his viewpoints and philosophies closely align with our interests:

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Dear Ray:

What good is the "long awaited GCSAA Pension Plan", which, after reviewing, shows that the plan is just an IRA annuity? This was the question of one of the Midwest members in the last **Bull Sheet** and of others that did not put their thoughts down on paper. The GCSAA board (which, of course, I am a member of) wanted to come up with a super pension program which would be a tremendous benefit to the Association. We all would be happy with an extraordinary pension program--everyone would be satisfied and our Association would grow. Unfortunately, this did not occur and is unlikely to ever happen. The board's problem was to endorse something that might help a percentage of people, and, also, endorse something reasonable from a broker we have worked with for some time that has an understanding of our Association and, thus, can speak intelligently with those members interested in the program.

As many members may have already found out, there are many similar programs around. Maybe our program will be of little benefit to them. But what about those individuals that are not so fortunate to have a program started already? Is there a possibility we can help them? If they suggest this plan to their club and they are interested, we have been a help to that member. Yes, there will be many that will be able to beat the plan in one way or another. If this is true, hopefully his club will at least select a plan or the individual will choose one himself. We have then accomplished a token benefit to some of our members.

The GCSAA board has tried to select a pension program that is reasonable and of some help to the membership. Many times programs endorsed by the board do not always benefit all the membership. If this pension program was not of some help to you, hopefully the next program will be.

Sincerely,
Mike R. Bavier, CGCS
Director, GCSAA

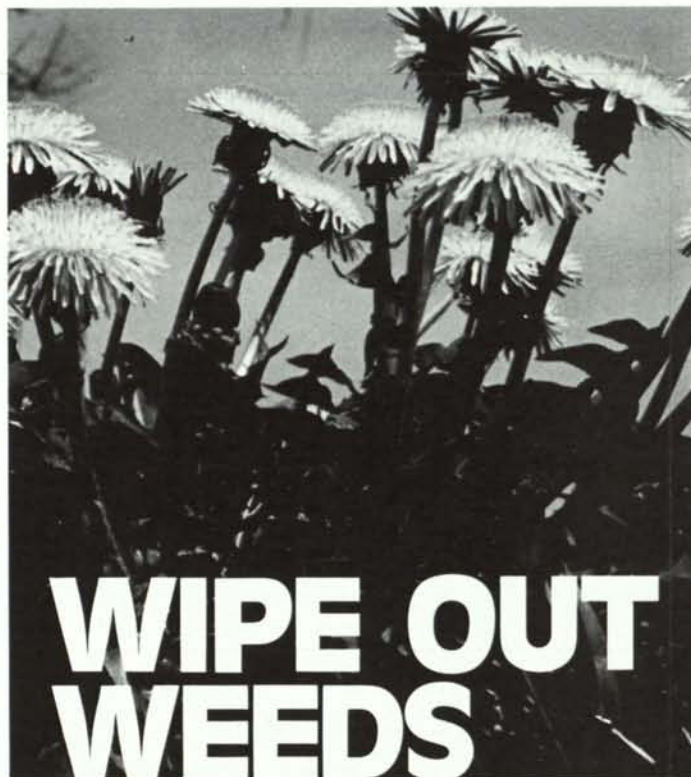
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A group of Midwest Association ladies at the Hospitality Room in San Antonio, plus 1 beer drinker by the name of Pete Leuzinger.



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