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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This column is meant for wit and wisdom, but this time I would like to present some questions. These surfaced at the National Conference last February with a proposed by-law change in the National and it has to do with certification. As I understand certification, it is to show qualification and add a form of uniformity in denoting a qualified person in our field. I should state this is not a criticism of our certification program. Also, I should state that I at this time am not certified. Perhaps, these unanswered questions are the reason I am not certified at this time. I want only to raise some questions in hope to get some answers for myself and others that may feel the same way.

The main question is why should a person have to drop the CGCS after their name should they leave their profession? If you stop to consider that this person has spent many years getting the education required to gain their rating. This could mean years of schooling and many more of working experience. Why would the National want to take this away just because they changed their occupation? Then take two examples such as CPA and PhD., these remain no matter what the occupation.

I do not want to carry on on this category because the CGCS has built in some safety guards in their regard and I agree that a person should be retested every five years because of the many changes in the laws due to come in the years ahead. Also, the many new and complex material and chemicals that will appear in the future.

That brings up one more question can a person not employed as a golf course superintendent retake the test to keep on their status? I think anyone who wants to should be able to, even though they are no longer in our profession. In the long run are we tying ourselves to the profession and making it very hard to advance ourself in not being able to use CGCS with our name as a means of stating past accomplishments?

The superintendent is fast outgrowing his position in education and experience. There are a number of you that are qualified to take on much more. This could mean teaching, sales and marketing and even in upper management. It is proven that the average superintendent salary is less than other fields with equal education and responsibility.

These same ideas could be carried over to other things. Class A and B, maybe with a slight change to indicate they are no longer working at their profession. Example: would you not be more inclined to listen to a salesperson that had been a Class A Superintendent or to a professor that continued his education while a superintendent and went on to teach?

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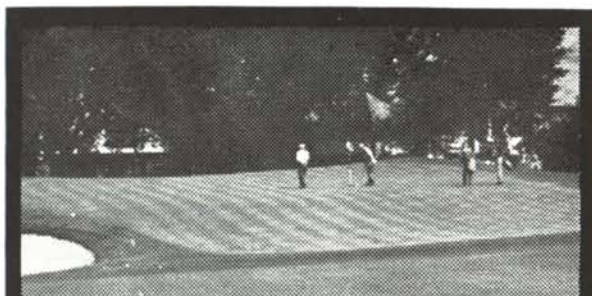


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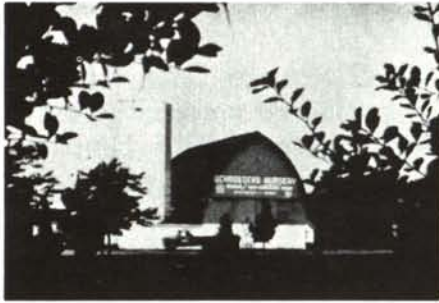
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The 1978 G.C.S.A.A. Golf Tournament stands now as a part of the past. The prize and trophy winners and their scores are history, but as often the case might be, many of us will remember this event as being truly great. You have to be a proud man, Mike OI' Boy, for organizing and putting on such a fine event.

The shotgun starts worked out perfectly and being paired with different people each day added a lot of class. It enabled everyone to make new acquaintances which was great fun even though it was extremely difficult recognizing your partners face under all of the clothing and icicles.

The Banquet on Friday night was just super and once again, I must use the words **real class** to explain how and where this evening was handled. Every feature of the entire tournament, small or large, was handled perfectly. What's a guy like you going to do for an encore!!

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I thank God that we have turfgrass pests. Think about it for a minute before you sign me off as some kind of a nut. If God hadn't created these turfgrass pests, our jobs would become monotonous and boring. We would be reduced to mere slaves of our jobs: mowing grass; changing cups; fixing ball marks, etc. The challenges of our jobs would be few. Recognizing a disease, insect, or weed, and being able to treat it, takes a professional ability not too many people have. I even dare compare Greenkeepers to doctors. Haven't you been called in the middle of the night because a sick irrigation valve won't shut off? How about a golfer suggesting you give your grass a shot of fertilizer because it looks a little anemic? I know when those hot humid days start coming around, I'm going to give my grass an immunization against Pythium, just as a doctor might for Chicken Pox.

Think of the opportunities open to us. We may discover a new variety of grass that is hardier and more resistant to diseases. As a greenkeeper, I'm really looking forward to this year's challenges. I really appreciate our Midwest Association, but even more, I appreciate these God-given challenges, and the help He gives me to meet these challenges.

Your fellow greenkeeper,
Tim Chapman, Shiloh Park G.C.

Dear Ray;

I'm sure you agree, that at this time of the year, we all have a desire, to get out on the Course, with new enthusiasm.

"SPRING ENTHUSIASM"

Now that the Conferences are over,
And we can bid a farewell to the snow.
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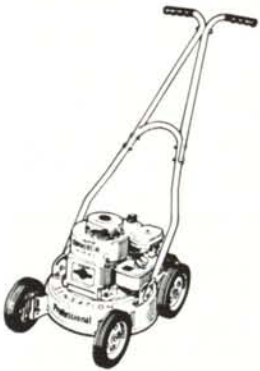
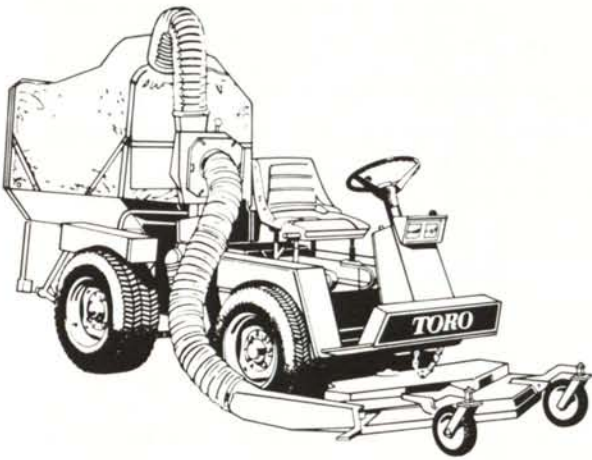
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With the coming of Arbor Day, last Friday in April,
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lar specie but can be any kind of a tree indigenous to
the area.

The Nordic mythology abounds with legends about
"ward trees", (Vard trad) Sw, and our pagan
forefathers planted them at their homesteads, for good
fortune and protection against evil forces. Oak, ash,
juniper but particularly Mountain ash, Sorbus aucu-
paria, were highly regarded as "ward trees" and
believed endowed with mystical powers and spirits.

If the "ward tree" became diseased and died it was a
forewarning of misfortune to come; if the "ward tree"
remained healthy and vigorous it signified health,
riches and good luck for the owner. Today, with our
grave environmental problems, we readily appreciate
our forefathers concern about his "ward trees".

Last summer, visiting my grandfathers cottage in
Sweden, I was attracted by a Mountain ash, healthy
and growing well. Recalling that no more than 5-6
years of age "helping" my grandfather plant that
tree, I felt pride and satisfaction because after so
many years "my tree" was still there and doing well.
The Mountain ash is not a long lived nor durable tree
and so I was pleased that this one was still holding its
own.

During the many intervening years many wanderers
passed by the Mountain ash. Some boys and girls
paused long enough to initial their names within a
heart, crudely carved in the bark, before resuming
their journey.

By now, new growth has blurred the initials in the
hearts. The Mountain ash however, tells us one thing
for certain--years ago when its bark was initialed by
the young couples they were strong, hopeful and
happy.

The Mountain ash is still lush and vigorous. Remem-
bering the pagan legend about "ward trees", we
believe happiness and good fortune has followed the
once young "carvers" on their long journey.

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MIDWEST BREEZES

On February 18th, 1978, **Ray and Mrs. Gerber** celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

To My Midwest Friends,

My return to Olympia Fields on March 20th has been most graciously received by members of the Midwest Association. The many "Welcome home" greetings extended me at the O'Hare Airport while waiting to board our flight to San Antonio; the warm hand shakes on the conference floor by others-all have added an inner depth to my appreciation of the Midwest for, once again, making me feel most welcome indeed. For this, I salute you.

Warren Bidwell

The **Bull Sheet** is sorry that the name of one of the door prize donors was omitted from the credit list in the January issue. Cliff Helwig, Swift Agricultural Fertilizer representative, donated an automatic vegetable peeler that was won by Ray Shei. The **Bull Sheet** was also informed that the popcorn popper won by Barbara Hahn was donated by Frank Ross of Country Club fertilizer.

The GCSAA 1978 Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show in San Antonio was a huge success, over 500 attended. Of this number approximately 1,400 were golf course superintendents. The numbers are growing.

One hundred ninety-five exhibitors presented products that are used on golf courses, cemeteries, roadways and other recreational areas.

The new officers and directors that were elected at the annual meeting on Wednesday are:

President - George W. Cleaver CGCS
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On Tuesday Chicago Toro hosted a party at the St. Anthony Hotel for their many friends who attended the conference. The hors d'oeuvres were marvelous and ample to the point where it was not necessary for some of us to visit a restaurant that evening. The bartenders did a tremendous business-most of it was due to the fact that the price was right.

On Wednesday evening the editor had the pleasure of being the guest of Swifts Par Ex fertilizer at one of their famous parties. The food and refreshments were far beyond my expectations. Music for dancing was

provided for those who were in the mood.

The Midwest hospitality room in the Hilton Hotel was the main attraction for many Midwest members and their friends. The room was large and the bartenders did a super job keeping the glasses full. I am sure there were other great parties that the editor was not aware of.

The word is that Paul Voykin decided to go into the laundry business in the hotel in San Antonio. It seems that the prevailing price for laundry was beyond that which Paul was willing to pay. Being an advocate of American ingenuity and Russian stubbornness, Paul proceeded to do his laundry in his room and then hang it out to dry on the balcony of the hotel. Alas, someone called the manager and Paul's laundry business came to a sudden end. Sorry to hear of this Paul, you had a good thing going.

All in all it was a great conference, and the attendance continues to increase.

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One of the lucky ones who attended the conference in San Antonio was Ed Stewart, Supt. at River Forest C.C. He left his name at the "par aid" booth and won a television set.

The March 6 MAGCS meeting, held at Nordic Hills C.C., was well attended. Those who were present will have no trouble in trying to guess the weather from here on. Dr. Walt Lyons, meteorologist from Channel 7, gave a real good percentage on weather conditions. Many questions were asked and answered. The lunch and service was excellent. We thank everyone.

The editor received word that MAGCS charter member Frank Mastroleo now resides at 1358 Stimson Ave., LaPueve, California 91744. I am sure Frank would be happy to receive a letter or card from his many friends. Frank devoted the best years of his life at Geneva G.C. He was for many years chairman of the Midwest Golf Committee. For several years I had the pleasure of working with him in selecting golf prizes. It was an education for me. He was a wheeler and dealer and could always find bargains-sometimes in the basements, other times on the second floor. He never gave up until he got what he wanted and for the price he was willing to pay. Frank is a charter member of the G.C.S.A.A. His health at the present time is not of the best so let us fill his mail box with cards and letters.

At the recent Turf Conference and Industrial Show at the University of Massachusetts Bob Williams, Supt. at Bob O'Link Golf Club, presented a paper entitled "Budgeting in These Times". Paul Voykin, Supt. at Briarwood C.C., presented his subject "Short Cuts in Golf Course Maintenance". Palmer Maples, GCSAA Educational Director, spoke on "Maintaining the Superintendents Image Through Good PR". Sounds like three interesting topics.

The two-day tournament preceded the Feb. 12 opening of the 49th GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference and Show in San Antonio, Texas. The conference, which annually attracts some 6,000 turf experts from around the world. Hamilton was awarded the United States Golf Association Trophy. His is the 17th name, and the first of a Texan, to be engraved on the trophy since its presentation to GCSAA in 1954.

Other tournament winners and their 36-hole scores:

Championship Net: Frank Lamphier, Weston, Conn., 137

Superintendent-Golf Professional, winner of **Golf Business** trophy: Bob Baldwin, Winchester, KY., 151

Chapter Team Championship, winner of Scottish Cup: Old Dominion Golf Course Superintendents Association. Team members are Steve Skowinski, Richmond, VA; Tom Daugherty, Chester, VA; Dave Harmon, Williamsburg, VA; and Tom English, Petersburg, VA. Combined score, 633.

Seniors: Robert Prieskorn, South Lyon, MI, 156

Associates: Timothy Stawovy, Belle Vernon, PA, 170

Club Officials: Lou Della Penta, Northway Heights, NY, 153

Ladies Low Gross: Muriel Moote, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, 93 (18 holes)

Ladies Low Net (Established handicap): Esther Billingsley, Howard, OH, 75 (18 holes)

Ladies Low Net (Callaway): Ann Tice, Butte, MT, 74 (18 holes)

Mike Bavier, Chairman

**By Doug Spaulding
Supt., Woodmar C.C.**

Once again the annual GCSAA golf tournament proved to be an enjoyable gathering of superintendents from all around the country. The event was held on two fine courses in Corpus Christi: The Corpus Christi Country Club and the Padre Isles Country Club. Each course had its own form of peril to offer those brave (foolish) enough to proceed in the 30 degree weather. Accuracy was demanded at Padre Isles where the rough was very rough. The fairways were fairly wide, but between fairways, on sand dunes, grew sage grass and some other viny plant, the name of which I've chosen to forget. A ball coming to rest in this graveyard of errant golf balls could most likely be given up for lost or at best could come to rest in an unplayable lie. The wind was ever present and quite naturally was always in your face on the long par fours. The Corpus Christi Country Club offered many fairway and green bunkers plus many more trees. There was also more water at Corpus which I personally inspected a few times.

As mentioned above, the weather was somewhat less than cooperative. The normal temperature for the area at this time of year is 58 degrees--it was about 20 degrees below that during our stay. We would typically wake up in the morning and observe that it was or had been raining and further observe that the sun had no intention of exposing itself. I guess God doesn't live in Texas either.

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