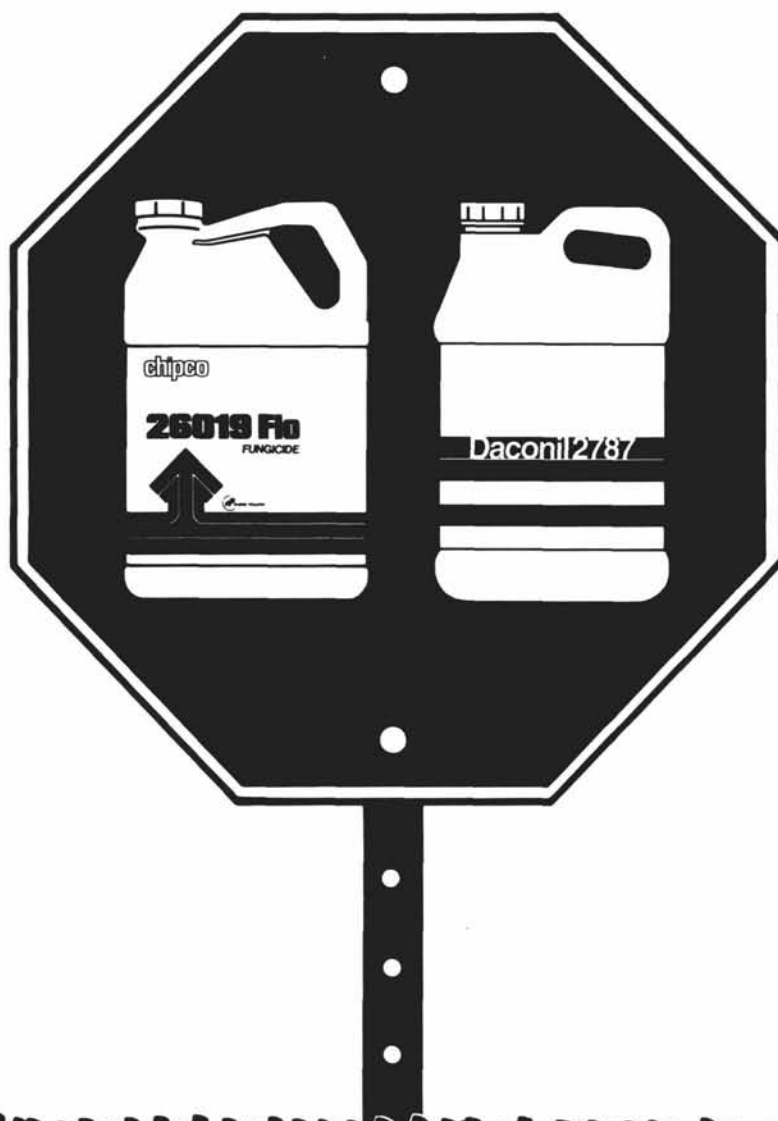


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# GCSAA Voting Delegate Meeting

by Roger A. Stewart, Jr., CGCS  
MAGCS Voting Delegate

The following is a recap of the GCSAA Voting Delegates meeting at GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence, KS on September 25-26, 1993. I attended this meeting as the appointed Voting Delegate for the MAGCS. There were approximately 60 Delegates in attendance out of a possible 113 chapters. While this represents a little over half of the Delegates, the number of votes represented were substantial.



This meeting, in my opinion was a giant step forward in improving a failing relationship between chapters and GCSAA. It provided a platform for open discussion of ideas between the GCSAA BOD and Chapter Delegates and representatives. I feel President Randy Nichols and the current BOD were more than open in their discussion of issues past and present. No smoke and mirrors here, just frank, open, discussion.

The meeting began with President Nichols giving everyone an update on what has been happening at GCSAA. He discussed in general the results of the study undertaken by Arthur Anderson and Associates to assess and evaluate staff and the way GCSAA does business. The recommendations for reorganization have, for the most part, been implemented. Many of you may know that these recommendations included the elimination of two senior level management positions held by Robert Ochs and Diana Green. John Schilling has resigned and will start his own business with Ochs and Green. The search is on for a Chief Financial Officer that will report to the Board of Directors and a new Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director to replace John Schilling. Other minor reorganization in

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staff and staff responsibilities are currently being implemented. The BOD feels this reorganization was necessary and will improve the operation of GCSAA in many ways. The body of Delegates were in agreement on this issue. The Publication department is currently occupying a portion of the third floor of the new wing of the Headquarters building and they think they have a tenant for the other floors. The bad news is that GCSAA still owns the other building and is having a difficult time selling it. This may take some time as the commercial market is slow right now.

Following the update, Vice President Joe Baidy gave a presentation about the Resource Committee recommendations for By-Laws changes at Dallas at 1994. He then turned the meeting over to Director Bruce Williams who chaired the session on By-Laws revision for the rest of the date. A vote of hands was taken on each issue and the body of Delegates present at this meeting approved presenting these changes to the membership in Dallas by a strong majority. A brief description of these proposed changes follows.

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## 1. Preamble part (b)

To advance the art and science of turfgrass management; to collect and disseminate knowledge of golf course management emphasis on efficient, economic, and environmentally sound management of golf courses.

Preamble second paragraph

insert "environmentally sound management" after supervise the construction, maintenance, and ... of a golf course ...

## 2. Article I MEMBERSHIP Section 1 (addition)

The Board of Directors of the Association shall adopt standing rules for membership, and with the exception of Class A, B, and C, shall have the authority to establish qualifications above and beyond those described for membership classes

## 3. Article I MEMBERSHIP Section II Membership Classes

Class AA — no change

Class A — no change

Class B — change to superintendents with less than 3 yrs. experience and eliminate assistants from this classification

Class C — change to assistant superintendents only with no minimum time requirement and add the right to vote

Class D — new category consisting of the following:  
D1 Golf Turf Manager — groundskeeper/golf turf manager at driving range or similar.

D2 Equipment Manager

D3 Foreman — working under GCS supervision

D4 Irrigation Technician

D5 Spray Technician

D6 Maintenance Staff Member

Note: none of the above would have the right to hold office or vote.

Class E — Educators new category — can't hold office or vote

Class F — Club/Golf/Association Official new category - can't hold office or vote.

Associate — no change

Affiliate — no change

Honorary — no change except they will not be required to pay assessments or dues

Student — no change

Retired — add Associate category and the dues shall not be more than half the amount paid for the immediate previous classifications before retirement

Inactive — no change

## 4. Article II DUES & SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Change Section 1. Annual Dues: the annual dues shall be the sums fixed by the Board of Directors except for classes A,B,C. Payments of dues procedures and the amount thereof, except classes A, B, C shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

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5. Article III CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Addition to Section 2.

Part (d) ... Submitting false information for membership or on dues statement.

6. Article V VOTING

Addition to section 6 as follows: to publish vote of chapters in appropriate member.

7. Article VI OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Changes:

1. Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by the membership.

2. Vice President office shall consist of one or more nominee.

3. Section 6 — first paragraph — strike the first two sentences.

third paragraph — change to the following: This officer shall be responsible for all monies, bills, notes, bonds and similar property belonging to the Association, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall keep such financial accounts and records as may be required by the Board of Directors, as well as make an annual report and such other reports that may be required by the Board of Directors.

4. Section 7 — Give the Board the right to title the position of Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer by changing the word Employee to Officer.

8. Article IX BENEVOLENCE FUND

Change this to: The President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer shall act as trustees of the fund ...

This concludes the proposed changes to the By-Laws that the Delegates approved putting to the membership for a vote.

President Nichols also proposed a Chapter Affiliation Fee or Chapter Dues concept to help fund programs that would increase communication and cooperation between Chapters and GCSAA.

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The proposed fee would be based on a per Chapter member basis. This concept was generally well received and most of the people present felt the concept was viable and that the members of their chapters would be in favor of it. The discussion centered not around whether there should be a fee attached to Affiliated Chapter status but rather how that fee should be implemented. President Nichols indicated the BOD would refine the particulars of this concept for presentation at the Delegates meeting in Dallas.

## Environmental Friendliness Key Issue With Modern Golf Courses

The increase in golf's popularity and concern for the environment have spawned the need to develop golf courses that are not only challenging for players, but also "friendly" to residents and nearby wildlife.

According to Jerry Matthews, president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, golf course designers are geared to produce a course that is as environmentally sound, as it is challenging.

"Our members take a proactive approach when designing a golf course and can help analyze the environmental impact and prepare appropriate documentation for regulatory agencies well in advance of public hearings," says Matthews.

He adds that proper planning is the key to making the course a success.

"The key is to plan ahead and work with the environment, not against it. In the long run, everyone benefits."

Matthews suggests the following environmental considerations be addressed when considering a golf course design:

☐ Does a golf course constitute the elimination of open or green space by making use of a site which is currently undeveloped?

☐ Will the proposed golf course alter or eliminate wetlands and other sensitive environmental areas that may exist on the site?

☐ Are there significant historical or archeological

areas on the site that will be affected by the golf course?

☐ Is there potential for water pollution from earth disturbance and erosion during the construction of the golf course?

☐ How will the golf course affect the existing character of a site through alteration of the topography and vegetative cover?

☐ Will the long-term application of chemicals for turfgrass management on a golf course cause water pollution from surface run-off or infiltration into the ground?

☐ Will the irrigation requirements of the golf course lead to the reduction or depletion of water supplies, especially in areas experiencing conditions which limit water resources?

☐ What impact will the golf course have on ecological systems of the site, such as plant life and wildlife habitat?

Matthews says considering the growing popularity of golf and the increased environmental awareness among the American public, today's golf courses need to be designed to work within the environment, not against it.

For more information on this subject, a special 48-page booklet, *An Environmental Approach to Golf Course Development*, is available for \$10 (per copy) from the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

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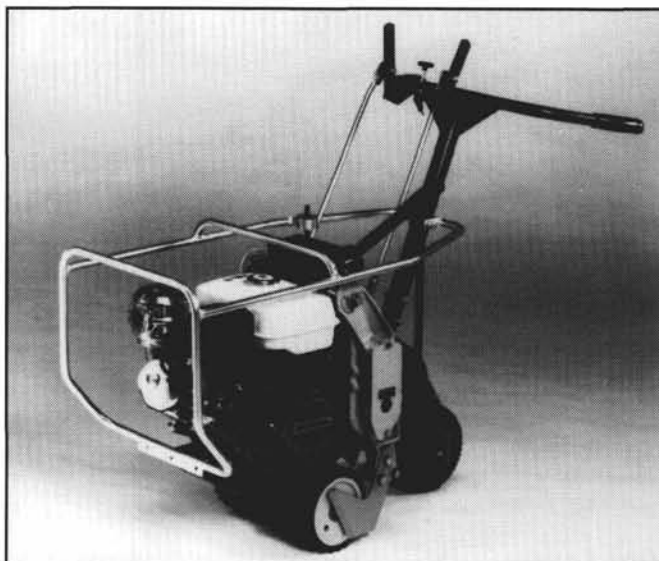
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## **Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar**

November 10 — MAGCS Turf Clinic at Medinah C.C.

November 30-Dec. 1 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

January 10 — MAGCS Monthly Meeting, Arrowhead G.C.

January 31-February 7 — GCSAA Conference, Dallas, TX

March 5-8 — 45th Canadian Turfgrass Conference

March — MAGCS Meeting at Oak Brook Hills Resort

April 25 — MAGCS Meeting at Inverness C.C.

\*May — Combined GCSA Meeting at Silver Lake G.C.

\*June 20 — MAGCS Meeting at Aurora C.C.

July 11 — MAGCS Meeting at Orchard Valley G.C.

\*August 22 — MAGCS Meeting at Royal Melbourne

September 12 — MAGCS Meeting at Seven Bridges

\*These dates may change

### **NECROLOGY**

It is with a deep sense of loss that we report the deaths of the following on October 16, 1993 — William J. Saielli, long time Superintendent of Indian Hill Country Club in Winnetka and an active member of our association for many years.

The infant son, Alexander, 11 months, of Valerie and Jim Roberts of Schaumburg G.C. who also passed away this month.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Saielli and the Roberts family in their time of sorrow and loss.

Mike Bavier, the world traveler is "down under" as you read this. Mike is touring New Zealand from November 2-24th. He will be going to a seminar, playing golf and a 5 day trek on the Milford Trail, south island.

Congratulations to Vince Dodge, the new superintendent at Naper Brook G.C. Vince was the assistant at Naperville C.C.

Marv Gruening, Superintendent at Park Ridge C.C. has retired as of November 1. He is heading south to Florida. Marv built most of the old Midwest Golf Club and when it was developed he moved on to Park Ridge C.C. Marv's son Mike will take over the duties. Congratulations to both.

Joseph Hutchings is looking for an assistant's position. Graduate of Southern Illinois University in turfgrass. He can be reached at: 1195 E. Walnut, Apt. E-5, Carbondale, IL 62901. Phone: 618/457-4173.

Superintendent wanted: Lake Windsor Golf Club (Madison area), Attn: Edward P. Hurley, 4628 Golf Dr., Windsor, WI 53598. Phone: 608/255-6100.

Superintendent needed at 9 hole course. 5 years experience as assistant or superintendent. Mechanical experience is needed. Call Pete Erickson, Prairie Lake G.C., 815/795-5107.

William Von Sigler is looking for an assistant's position in the Chicagoland area. Call 317/262-8687.

Jack Hanson from The Ridges G.C. in Wisconsin Rapids, WI is looking for some used equipment. HF-5's, a Sweeper and used LF-100's. Phone 715/424-1111.

Tony Rzadzki of Cantigny is a busy person. He is getting more press in the local papers than some of the public officials. Tony was the featured speaker at Cantigny in September explaining the Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary program. Then in the October 6th, "The Journal" was a large picture of Tony releasing pheasants on the course and a lengthy article explaining why. Great PR Tony.

Congratulations to Wayne Trometer on his Hole-in-One at the October, MAGCS meeting at Bartlett Hills Golf Club. His perfect shot was on the par 3, 11th hole. It was his first Hole-in-One.

MAGCS Golf Championship held at Shoreacres in September.

Championship Flight	3rd Flight
1st Tom Robinson - 69	1st Bruce Williams - 95
2nd Al Pondel - 76	2nd David Meyer - 99
3rd Tie, Bob Kronn - 78	3rd Lance Hatfield - 101
David Kohley - 78	

1st Flight	Commercial Flight
1st Ken Goodman - 79	1st Bruce Swieger - 74
2nd Kerry Blatteau - 84	2nd Jim Wadsworth - 79
3rd Jim Roberts - 86	3rd Dave Louttit - 82

2nd Flight
1st Steve Cummins - 84
2nd Steve Jump - 85
3rd John Malloy - 91

The 64th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference will be held January 18-20, 1994, at the Holiday Inn - South Convention Center in Lansing Michigan. For further information contact Kay Patrick, 517/321-1660.

Julie A. Barbosa is looking for a Horticulturists position on a Chicagoland golf course. She has a B.S. degree in Horticulture from U of I at Urbana. 3 years working in local nursery assisting in inventorying, tagging plant material, computer work using Word, Works and Pagemaker. Address: 1190 Manito Trail, Algonquin, IL 60102. Phone 708/428-0780.

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At the MAGCS October meeting at Bartlett Hills Golf Club, the University of Wisconsin came out of the woodwork and knocked the perennial past power houses of Penn State and Danville College out of the Championship.

## 1993 Gauley White Water Rafting Trip



Front Row L to R: John Gurke (4), Fred Opperman (9), Julius Albaugh (4), Joel Purpur (8), Dave Ward (3), Dave Fisher (5), River Guides Robin Moore along with Helen & Marty Tribble, Don Ferreri (R), Peter Leuzinger (6), Trent Bradford (3) and Steve Stewart (6). Standing L to R: Zach Thompson (R), Greg Johnson (R), Dan West (R), Mike Hassenius (5), Tom Murphy (3), Dan Albaugh (2), Tim Betz (R), Dave Blomquist (6), Tom Voight (2), Renny Jacobsen (4), Ken Kinka (3), and John Lebedeus (4). (R is rookie and the # is the number of trips made).



Dan & Julie Albaugh along with John Lebedeus waiting for the breakfast call.



Robin Moore going to explain to Dave Blomquist that the air mattress he has will not make it through the upcoming rapids. Of course Dave has that dumb-founded look on his face & why not?



Are River Guides good looking or what? Helen and Marty Tribble, a husband and wife team who have rafted over many rivers across the states, England, South America, Alaska, and Australia.

This 1993 White Water trip was just great. The weather was excellent for both days on the river and for the overnight camping. The food was great and the water was gushing at 2800 cfs. at the Summerville Dam — that made for heart stopping rapids. Only a few fellows didn't make it through all of the rapids by staying in the raft. Don Ferrari has yet to learn how to ride the bucking raft through some rapids, but with practice he'll get it. Joel Purpur has to perfect his technique of drop kicking a football off the front of a moving raft so he doesn't fall in every time.



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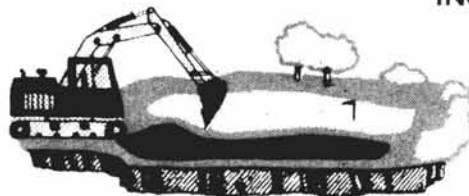
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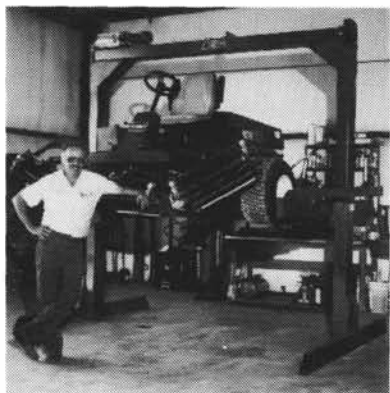
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## Keeping Pace With Technology

by Rob Durham, Illinois Lawn Equipment Inc.

When I was the assistant superintendent at Pottawattomie Country Club my boss would stress the importance of setting priorities. He would say, "Greens, tees, fairways. In that order. Greens, tees, fairways." He told me a story of the greenskeeper he had learned under. The gentleman did not have much to work with but he set his priorities. His priority was his "Circle of Green". Water was at a premium so the challenge was to position roller base sprinklers on his nine greens in such a way that the greens were properly watered but no water was wasted around the periphery. The greens required several settings, so getting a perfect circle pattern out of four or five sprinkler positions was no simple task. That greenskeepers challenge was to create that circle of green, and he had mastered his craft. As the greenskeeping profession and industry grew, greens superintendents had more tools available to them, so their circle of green could be expanded to include greens, tees and fairways.

Today the greens superintendents circle of green continues to expand. Advances in technology have played a major role in allowing the superintendent to create playing conditions that could not have been possible years ago. The tools we use and consider essential in carrying out our duties today were unheard of not long ago. Our business is a very dynamic one and the superintendent of the nineties must keep pace with advancing technology or be left behind.

Technology sneaks up on you. It is like watching your children grow. You see them every day, never really noticing the changes, but one day you look around and they are all grown up. So it is with technology.

It is amazing how advances in technology changes our lives. These changes enhance the comforts we enjoy at home, the way we do our jobs and shape our attitudes about what is commonplace and what is extravagant. Many items that not long ago were considered to be on the "leading edge of technology" are considered mundane and have come to be look on as basic, necessary parts of our lives. Video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, and answering machines fall into this category. Similarly, technological advances in the turfgrass industry have shaped the way we expect to do business as golf course superintendents and suppliers to the turfgrass industry.

Let's take turf equipment for example. When I was superintendent my equipment supplier wanted to show me an "amazing new technology", the turf groomer. It would fit on my existing mowers and the benefits were too numerous to count. I was skeptical. Was I being sold a bill of goods? If superintendents can create the type of playing conditions that the PGA Tour plays on, and have done so for years without this new, exciting (and expensive) technology, why in the world would I need it now?

That groomer introduction was a relatively short time ago. Today turf groomers are an accepted, yes, even basic, tool for conditioning greens in our industry.

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