



LIFE IN THE "PAST" LANE

Do you recognize these two former WGCSA members?

This photo, circa 1965, was taken at a University of Wisconsin-Madison Turf Conference held at the Wisconsin Center in Madison. If you don't recognize these young men, here are some clues:

1. The man on the left is a former WGCSA president; the man on the right was editor of a GRASS ROOTS forerunner "SUPER TALK" and a former WGCSA director.

2. Both were students of Prof. Jim Love.

3. While in Wisconsin, the man on the left was GCS at Maple Bluff Country Club; the man on the right was GCS at the Hayward Golf Club, the Lawsonia Golf Club and the Nakoma Golf Club (not all at once).

4. The man on the left moved from Wisconsin to Pebble Beach (and other Del Monte courses); the man on the right moved from Wisconsin to the Firestone Country Club.

Still don't know who they are? Roger Larson is on the left, Peter Miller is on the right.

TWENTY YEARS AGO. . .

Bits and pieces from "Notes" column, *WGCSA Super Talk* September and October 1967, Vol. 2, No. 6 and 7:

"Played a very interesting game and course at the August meeting. I have always enjoyed West Bend Country Club, but this is the first time I've been able to play it. A lot of hills and a tough course to walk, but a real pleasure to play.

Harry Gill, the host superintendent, had the course in excellent condition. We had a fine dinner and meeting following the golf game. Eighty played golf and 112 stayed for the dinner and meeting.

The business meeting was very short. Jim Latham, the chairman of the education committee would like to have the site information for the following year so he could better plan the program and inform the speakers. William

Here's Half of a Hat Collection!

I've been collecting things for as long as I can recall. Of possible meager interest to other Superintendents is a collection started 15 years ago (January 9, 1973 to be exact). It is a collection of hats.

Any collector must establish guidelines for his hobby of collecting. My self-imposed rules are simple:

1. All hats I collect are from equipment and product manufacturers (and distributors) involved in golf turf or agriculture.

2. They cannot be purchased. Many, many kind people have kept my collection in mind and made donations to it.

3. Trading is not only OK, it adds to the fun. This is a good way to use any duplicate items to broaden a collection.

My hat collection currently numbers between 400 and 500 hats (I only count them once a year). They are all new and in mint condition. Here are some of the facts:

1. The best hats are made by the Imperial Hat Company.

2. I have every hat Jacobsen has given at the GCSAA conferences since 1973 in Boston.

3. The 1973 Boston Jacobsen hat was the first one in my collection.

4. The most attractive hat is a LORSBAN for apples hat. It's a deep blue corduroy fabric with a bright red apple embroidered on it.

5. The most generous contributor over the years has been Harold Hilliard.

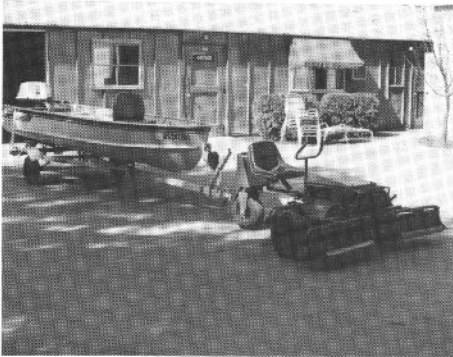
6. The most difficult hats to come by have been "Milorganite" and "Scotts". It was like pulling teeth to get one. Now Rod Johnson tells me Jim Spindler is handing out Milorganite hats by the gross.

7. There has been a general decline in the quality of hats over time. Nowadays too many are made from too much foam rubber, logos are screened instead of embroidered and fabric quality has declined. Also, too many are now coming from oriental countries.

This hobby has given me untold hours of fun and, in a way, it has tracked some of the changes in our business. My sincerest thanks to all of those who have generously contributed to this collection.

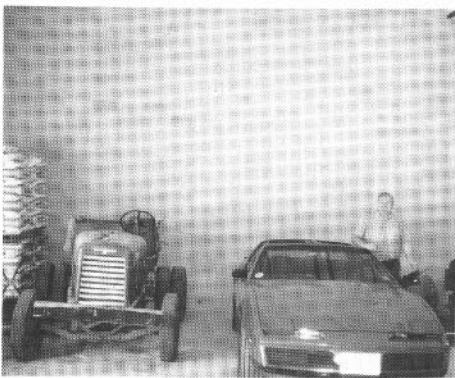


This is a photo of approximately one-half of M. Miller's golf turf and ag hat collection!



The Versatile Motor 180!

In a constant quest to maximize equipment use on our golf courses, one WGCSA Superintendent has found a new use for his Ransomes Motor 180. The problem of moving his boat to the lake adjacent to his golf course was solved by hitching it to a mower. Must be a sight to see a boat being towed across the golf course. How are the fish biting, T.H.?



The Bigger The Boy, The Bigger The Toy!

Tom Harrison loves equipment, including that which he buys for personal use. Finding no one on the streets of Madison he could out-drag, he stopped in at Blackhawk Country Club's maintenance shop looking for a victim for his bright red (is it a Toro?) Firebird. All he could find was an old Toro Series IV Tractor!

Sell reported that the bylaw booklets if approved could be sent out with the membership cards of next year.

Jim Holmes, the Midwest Agronomist for the USGA, was the speaker at our meeting and had interesting tidbits to say on a number of subjects. Jim felt that surface drainage, often overlooked, was very important, many times leading to winterkill and often failure during the summer. Cart paths are going to be a necessity for the simple reason carts and grass do not mix. Calcium arsenate will work as a Poa control but be sure and use it on well-drained areas. Jim thinks that some day slit trenches will replace tile in green construction.

We had at this meeting a distinguished guest. He is an old friend of ours, Roger Larson. Roger is in California and left two years ago to take over the new Robert Trent Jones designed course, Spyglass Hill. Since that time he has been promoted to manager of golf course operations for the Del Monte Corporation which owns Spyglass Hill, Pebble Beach, Peter Hay and Del Monte Country Club. Congratulations to a former Wisconsinite.

We have a joint meeting coming up with the Illinois group on the 8th of September, a Friday, before our meeting at Nakoma Golf Club. The joint meeting is at the Knollwood Country Club, which is between Waukegan and Chicago.

Our regular September meeting is at the Nakoma Golf Course in Madison, on the 11th of September. This will be a special type of meeting. The golf course will be closed to the members from 8:00 to 12:00 to allow free play by members of the WGCSA and their guests. At 12:00 we would like to open the course to our members and not have to mix in WGCSA people.

At 1:30 a tour will begin by way of tractor and trailer of the Nakoma golf course with commentary by the superintendent. At 3:00 we will board chartered buses and leave for the City of Madison's new 36-hole golf course. Here Irv Graf will handle the commentary on the golf course. Dinner will be served at the Nakoma Golf Course at 6:30 p.m. The educational program will consist of a picture tour of golf courses in the Madison area and commentary by their superintendents.

And from the October issue of that year:

"This will be very quick this month as it seems as though aerifying, a ridiculous growth of grass, pump problems, etc. have finally caught up with me.

The October 9 meeting is the annual meeting with the election of officers. Be sure and attend, as I am sure Walt's course (Wausau Country Club) will be in its usual beautiful shape, in a beautiful fall setting.

The December Symposium is coming up, December 13 and 14 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee; subject: soil mixes. This is a must so mark the date on your calendar.

We had two good outings, one at Knollwood with the Chicago group and another at Nakoma. There were about 28 Wisconsin people at the Knollwood meeting with a total of 91 for golf and 131 for dinner. A very nice course and beautiful day. We also had a very good day at Nakoma, although the crowd was considerably less, 31 for golf and 61 for dinner.

I know that I have forgotten something, but it will just have to wait until next month. See you at Wausau."

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THE FUNNIES!

