

Spreading the Breeze

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A return to the "Great White North!" Our initial re-routing from Chicago to Nashville brought to realization that the weather up North wasn't quite as calm as the weather in Texas. Nashville weather was good enough, but our late landing at Billy Mitchell was exciting. The snow sure flies when a 727 lands in a two-foot drift of Lake Michigan-induced powder.

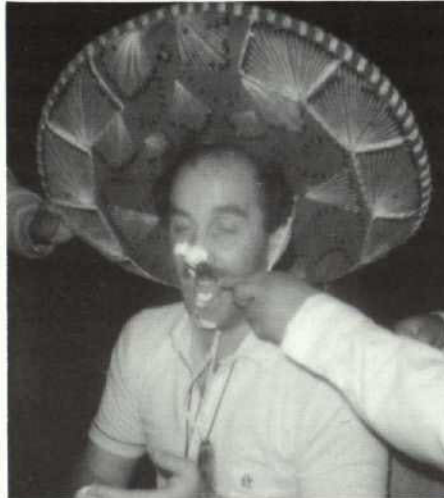
Houston was great! It seems that the GCSAA Conference and Show with its related activities are like the county fair, "Bigger and Better every year." The "Hobo" and I were looking for a Daihatsu for rent to get around the Trade Show Floor, not because we're too lazy to walk, but to carry all the product literature that was pushed at us. I filled the waste bucket in my room twice with full color info on everything from "Bend a Lite" to the newest developments in arthropod control. GCSAA tries to do its best to keep the circus atmosphere out of the Trade Show, but I bet one of these years some booth will have a trained monkey handing out literature and providing a trapeze act to boot.

This year's Pre-Conference Golf Tournament had a record number of WGCSA members participating and partaking in the festivities. I can report that WGCSA was well represented by myself, **Bill Roberts**, **Wayne Auto**, **Steve Schmidt**, **Chad Ball**, **Bruce Worzella**, **Jerry Kershasky**, **John Krutilla**, and believe it or not **Mr. A. Jeffrey Bottensek**. A good time was had by all with only five scores posted by the locals that were over the century mark. A casual observer of the two-day event would assume that the Stevens Point guys were responsible for four of the five century-plus scores, but who would have thought that the Senior member of our group would have to plead the fifth. WGCSA did have a trophy winner this year with Bill "the bagger" Roberts capturing fourth place in the Mush and Sand division of the Z flight. Congratulations Willy for what I am sure was the highlight of your Houston trip.

Steve "Bull" Schmidt, everyone's favorite in the Clubhouse, tried to top last year's performance and last year's most quotable quote with a couple of beauties. Take your pick for this year's

best. Quote #1: "The more I concentrate the better I play!" Quote #2: "If I had got my short game going I could have won it all!" Both worthy of Reader's Digest publication possibly a level below last year's "I like to keep the ball in play", but harder than two 100,000-piece jigsaw PUZZLES to pick from.

A belated birthday party was given for our Butte Des Morts buddy on Saturday, January 30th. As a first for this column a picture from the party is included. Sorry we couldn't have been with you on November 3rd, Steverino, but you have to admit that a party three months late is much more of a surprise.



Enough from Houston, but not enough on birthdays. In early January, **Tom Schaller** was also treated to a surprise birthday party, this one in honor of his 50th year. At the party, celebrated by the "Over the Hill Gang," Uncle Tommy set a personal goal for 1988. That goal was to shoot his age for 9 holes. Best of luck Tommy, we know you can do it.

The WGCSA Baby Boom is continuing. Proud new parents to announce this issue are **Gary and Karol Huernerberg** of Deer Run in Billion and **Mike and Karen Handrich** of Ville du Parc. Congratulations to both couples and we wish you many happy changes.

The winter winds have been blowing and maintenance shop doors have been swinging. The following reroutings have been reported at the time of this writing. **Ray Knapp** has left

Tuckaway and is on the road for Spring Valley Products, **Dan Barret** is leaving Nakoma and is headed to Trout Lake in Woodruff. **Pat Gradoville**, recent graduate from Iowa State is, the new assistant to **Marc Davison** at Black Wolf Run in Kohler, and **Dean Musbach**, recent graduate of M.U., will be taking the family name to Timber Ridge in Minocqua. Best of luck to each of you in your new endeavors.

Auf Wiedersehen, Amigos

MILLIES AWARDED NOR-AM TURFGRASS SCHOLARSHIP



Dan Millies and John Turner.

Dan Millies, a student in the Turf and Grounds Management Program in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been awarded the 1987 NOR-AM Chemical Company Turfgrass Scholarship. The presentation was made in Madison in December by NOR-AM representative John Turner. Dan received a check for \$500 for his educational expenses and a handsome plaque noting his award.

Scholarship availability is important to undergraduate students. The generosity demonstrated by NOR-AM should not go unnoticed nor be taken for granted. They join the WGCSA, the WTA and the GCSAA in offering undergraduate scholarships for qualified students.

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