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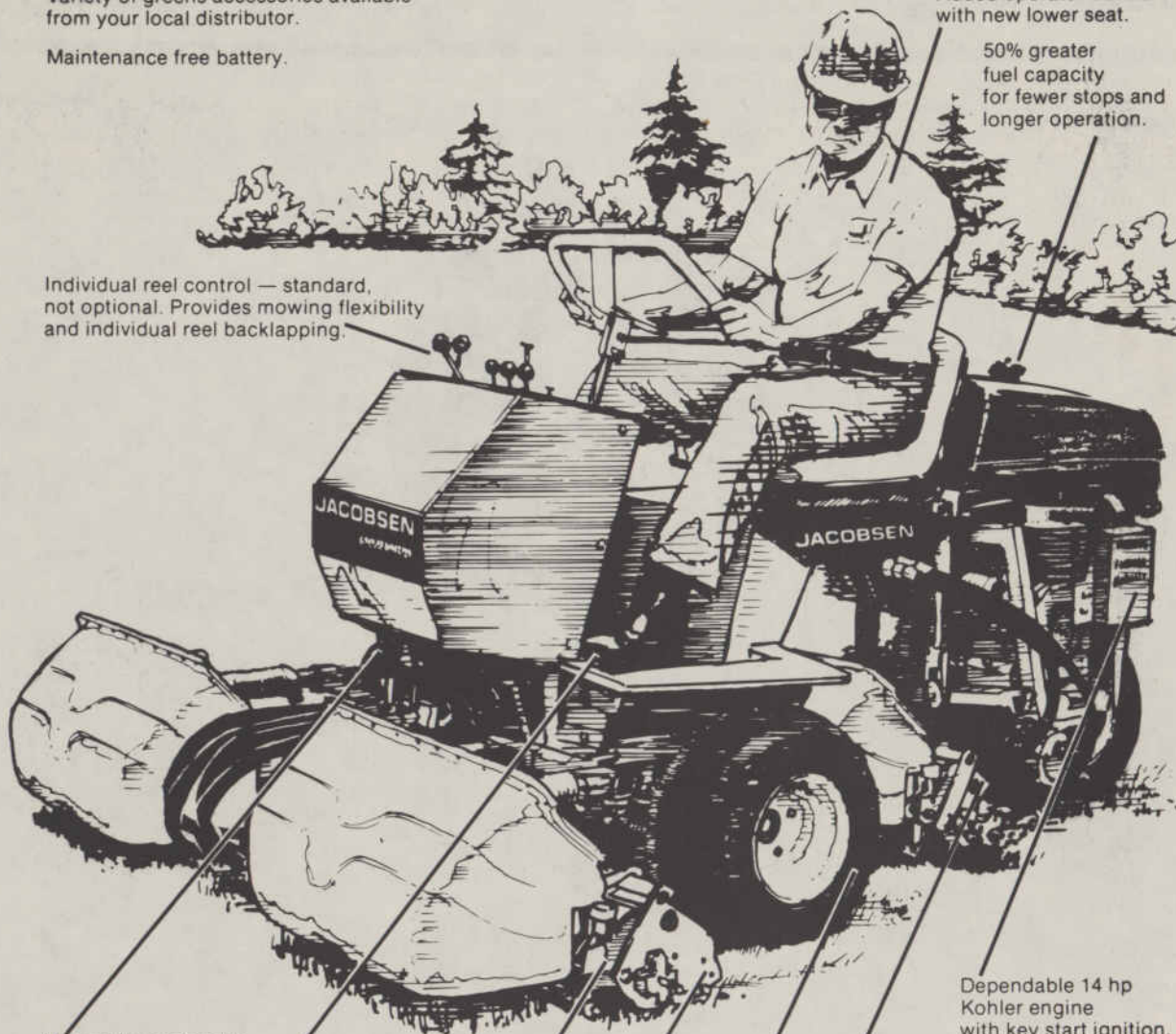
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring at last! It's nice to see the snow disappear and warm weather approaching. I trust and hope that all your careful planning and preparation for the coming season pays off.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers and directors who went off the Board for their hard work last year. I'd especially like to thank Woody Voigt for his leadership and dedication to the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

As you know, WGCSA is now being run out of a central office. From what I've seen so far, I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results. Thanks to the effort put forth

this Winter by our new officers, directors and committees everything is off to a fine start. A special thank-you is in order for Gene Haas, (executive director of the Wisconsin State Golf Association) for his help in getting us organized at the office.

It was nice to see so many Wisconsinites in Anaheim this Winter. The conference and show was well-attended, and the seminars very good. It's always nice to visit 'Sunny' California, especially when the alternative is enduring another week of Wisconsin Winter.

Best Wishes For A Successful Year.

Jim Belfield

WGCSA 1981 MEETINGS

March 26	Holiday Inn Fond du Lac	
April 20	Tripoli Country Club 7401 North 43rd Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209	Jim Belfield 414-351-0475
May 19	Chenequa Country Club 6250 North Highway 83 Hartland, Wisconsin 53029	Jim Shaw 414-367-8030
June 15	Lawsonia Linke Green Lake, Wisconsin 54941	Tom Spaulding 414-294-3320
July 13	Browns Lake Golf Club Burlington, Wisconsin 53105	Karl Holzwarth 414-886-3366
August 10	Thal Acres Golf Club Westfield, Wisconsin 53964	Rich Thalacker 608-296-2850
*September 8	Rivermoor Country Club 30802 Waterford Drive Waterford, Wisconsin 53185	Tom Van Valin 414-534-6986
September 21	O. J. Noer Golf Tournament Ozaukee Country Club 10823 North River Road Mequon, Wisconsin 53092	Wayne Otto 414-242-0142
September 28	Wausau Country Club 208 Country Club Road Schofield, Wisconsin 54476	Walt Stepanik 715-359-3223
October 12	Kettle Moraine Golf Club 4299 Highway 67 Dousman, Wisconsin 53118	Dewey Laak 414-965-2423
November	?	
*Pro/Supt.		

1981 SPEAKERS

For 1981 the educational portion of our monthly meetings will try to serve a two-fold purpose. Besides trying to offer educational and interesting speakers this year we will be trying to earn all members in attendance credits towards their pesticide recertification. The State Department of Agriculture through Bob Eharts office is looking at the possibility of recertifying pesticide applicators through attendance at approved educational lectures. Once a person has written and passed the initial exam for certification, the five year recertification can be accomplished by earning lecture credits. Our association is going to try and have a number of our education sessions meet this approved lecture criteria. A superintendent will then have the option of attaining a certain number of lecture credits or rewriting the one day exam. The thought is to utilize some of the speakers at our monthly meetings, the U.W. spring seminars, the fall turf symposium (if possible) and any other seminars that our members might normally attend each year. If a member can get credit for attending these programs which may attend already it could be a fairly simple alternative to recertification. The State Department of Ag feels that once an applicator has been initially tested he merely has to keep himself current on new products and methods by attending educational sessions.

The mechanics of this whole plan have yet to be fully worked out. The concept and some procedures have been set forth but the fine details need time to be worked out.

The speakers for the coming year are as follows:

- March — Round table discussion
- April 20 Mr. Ned Brinkman
Manager General Sales —
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Ned will speak on the turf equipment market now and in the future as they relate to the gov't outdoor power equipment guidelines.
- May 19 Dr. Gayle Worf
U.W. Extension Plant Pathologist
"Fungicides, New and Old — And Dollarspot"
Dr. Worf plans to discuss present dollarspot research and discuss our care and nurture of the new fungicides.
- June 15 Dr. Gayle Worf
U.W. Extension Plant Pathologist
"Research and observations on Poa Annuum summer decline"
Poa Annuum summer decline is being recognized around the midwest as more than just a summer phenomenon. The problem is now being looked into greater from the pathological angle. Dr. Worf is the midwest/country's only researcher on this problem.

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- July 13 Dr. Gayle Worf
U.W. Extension Plant Pathologist
"Research on our declining Maples —
Can we turn it around?"
Dr. Worf will present last years research findings on this widespread problem.
- Note: Dr. Worf approached the association with the three subjects mentioned for May, June, July. The reason for three successive talks by Dr. Worf was not a shortage of other speakers but rather the timely nature of his material and its relevance to our association.
- August 10 Mr. Phil Peleteri
U.W. Extension Entomologist
"Insects as they relate to Wisconsin trees, shrubs and turf"
Mr. Peleteri is a young energetic man with wealth of knowledge on insect pests. We would like as many members as possible to meet Phil and know of the service that he can provide.
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- October 12 Golf Tournament — no speaker

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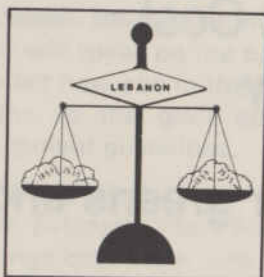


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THE 2,4-D CONTROVERSY — 1981

The use of the herbicide 2,4-D has once again come under attack in several areas of Wisconsin. In October 1980 the City of Madison put a temporary moratorium on the use of 2,4-D by all parks and public works personnel. The reason for the moratorium was in August 1980 a child of a family that lived across the street from a park that had just been sprayed with 2,4-D had a mild epileptic seizure. The family blamed the city spraying of the park as the cause even though the child was indoors at the time of the spraying. The child has a history of seizures and did not play in the park after it was sprayed. The mere odor of the spray supposedly provoked the attack. The parents of the child were active

in local Vietnam Veterans organization that is trying to ban all phenoxy herbicides. This incident, with no medical proof, was brought before the Madison Health Department where a very vocal Vietnam Vets group pushed this committee into recommending a halt to all herbicide spraying. The city mayor in September instituted the temporary ban on the use of 2,4-D by all city departments.

In the meantime, in December environmentalists tried unsuccessfully to get a ban on the use of 2,4-D by all Dane County parks and highway personnel. part of the basis for the county ban proposal was the incident in the city of Madison. The environmentalists relied heavily on the unsubstantiated city ban on 2,4-D use. This county wide attempt at a ban got no further than the county Agricultural zoning committee where the issue was tabled indefinitely. This committee saw the weakness in the whole issue. Speakers for the ban were three local activists while speaking against the ban were University of Wisconsin extension specialists, three golf course superintendents, six industry representatives and five farmers. The U.W. personnel so completely refuted any arguments against 2,4-D that the Ag Zoning Committee decision was unanimous.

The 2,4-D ban then went back to the city parks board and the city committee on the environment. Here again the U.W. extension people, golf course superintendents and agri-business interests soundly defeated the further efforts to ban 2,4-D.



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In late January 1981 the Madison Common Council brought the whole matter up for a formal council vote to permanently ban 2,4-D. The Vietnam Vets were heavily represented as were the U.W. and agri-business people. After considerable debate the city decided to severely limit the use of 2,4-D in city parks. Golf courses, cemeteries, athletic fields were exempt but 2,4-D use was banned in all general parks areas. Vietnam Vet groups were angry over the ruling and vowed to bring the issue up for another vote.

In December 1980 the Janesville City Council had a similar motion to ban 2,4-D brought forth. This motion stemmed from one council member who had heard about the incident in Madison in August 1980. For lack of any more substantial evidence the Janesville Council tabled the ban permanently without a formal vote.

The environmental groups are searching for any shred of evidence to support their efforts against 2,4-D. They feel that 2,4-5-T and 2,4-D are chemicals cousins and therefore should be banned equally. The potential problems with the issue of 2,4-5-T have been brought out in substantial medical tests and consequently the products use has been curtailed. But 2,4-D has yet to be medically or environmentally proven a hazard. The EPA is looking into the product but at this time sees no evidence of any harm to the public. The herbicide 2,4-D has 35 years of relatively safe use. Until conclusive medical tests show a health hazard exists the product will remain on the market if some uninformed city or county agency does not act hastily.

It has been suspected that these environmental groups will be making another try in the state legislature this year to ban 2,4-D. However as of March 15, 1981 no such bill has emerged. The WGCSA board has appointed an environmental committee composed of Randy Smith, Monroe Miller, and Tom Harrison to follow up on this issue and keep the membership informed.

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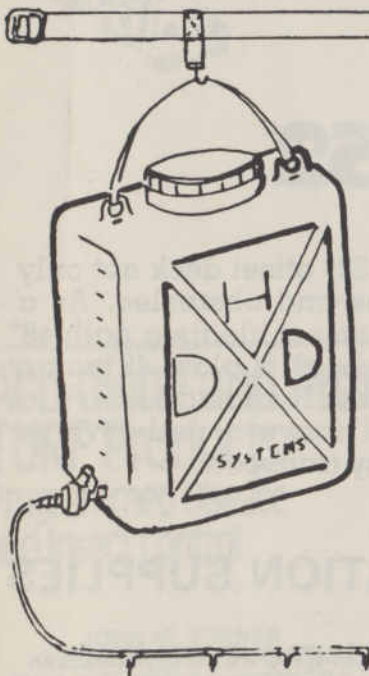
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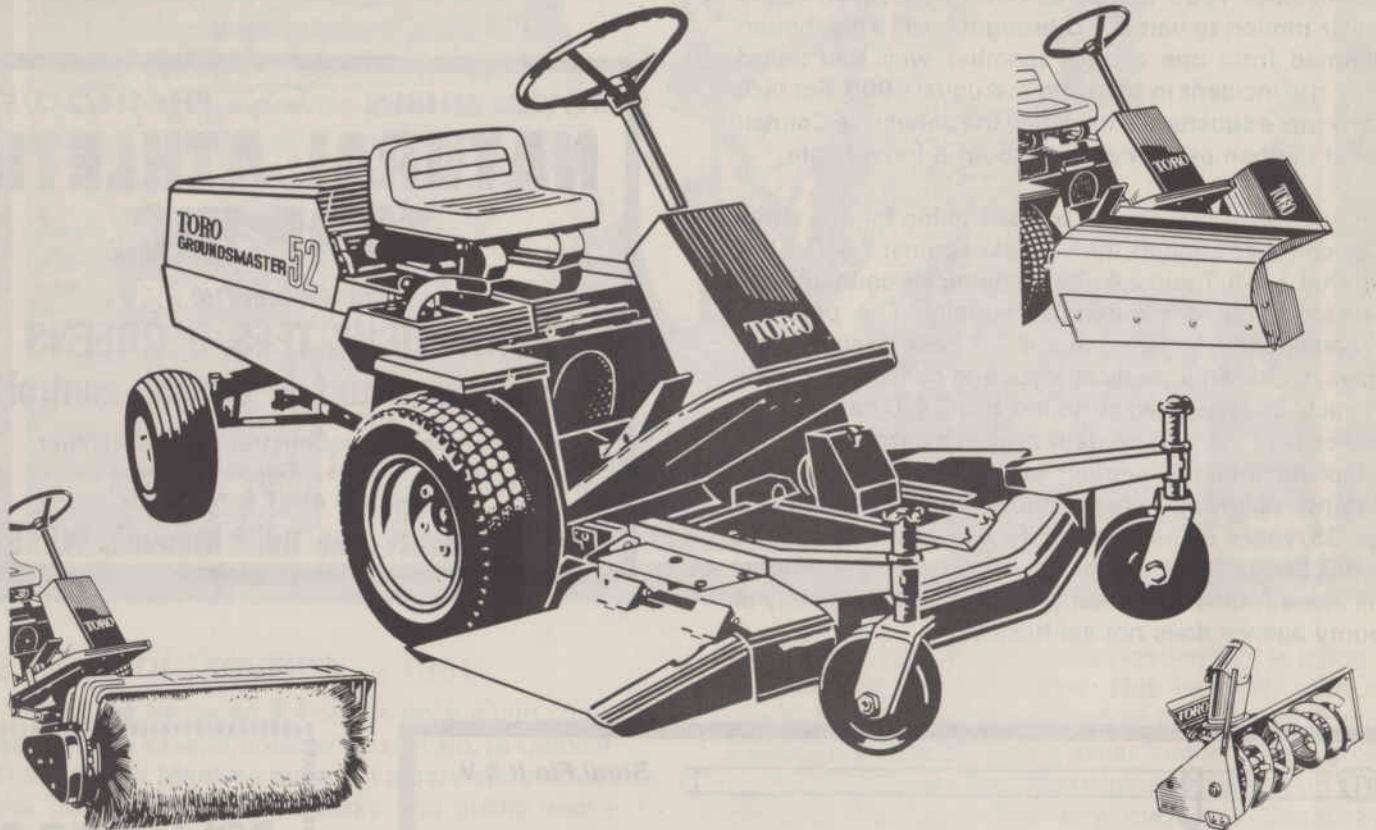
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