tle, if at all. Apparently that isn't the way GCSAA has it figured."

I avoided establishing eye contact with him. It bothered me, and angered me, that I was unable to give him counsel or answer his questions. Fact is, nobody in Lawrence will give any justification for their plan to squeeze some superintendents out of state chapters.

"Do any decision makers in Lawrence have any idea how many golf course superintendents are at golf courses like mine? Lots and Lots. It isn't that we don't want to join the GCSAA; I'd absolutely love to. I feel left out without belonging. Remember, it wasn't that long ago they thought I was good enough to award me a GCSAA scholarship. But the money

isn't there for me to join. And there are thousands like me."

"But I have always felt good that I could at least find a home in the state chapter, a place to be with colleagues and a group that offers so much education."

"I can't tell you how bad I feel that even the state chapter option may not be there, especially if the GCSAA president and vice president have their way. Some of us aren't going to have anywhere to go..." His voice trailed off and he looked away.

"It might be easier to swallow, easier to accept if I could only understand the 'why' of their proposal. But I cannot."

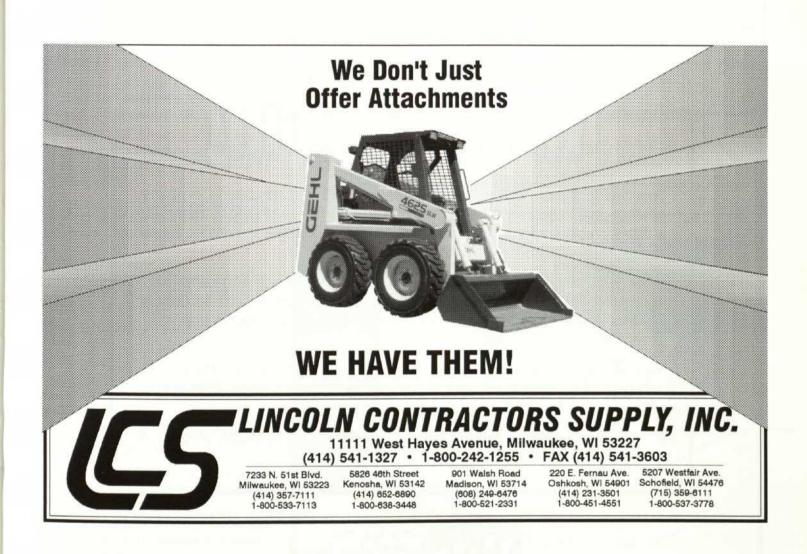
The frustration Peter feels I feel too. I don't have answers—real, honest,

straight answers—to his questions. Despite asking for them, nobody from OUR national organization will come forth.

The answers need to come soon, before bridges are burned, before relationships are severed, before feelings are hurt beyond repair. The mere fact that these things could happen calls into question the real value of strident affiliation requirements.

Since Lawrence started this, they need to explore and initiate some changes before it is too late. We cannot afford to lose guys like Peter Gunn.

It is a sad state of affairs. Someone ought to be ashamed that it has come to this, and worried that it may get worse. Maybe someone ought to take a minute and listen.



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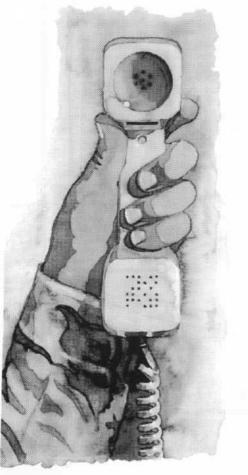
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R&R With Our Loved Ones

By Bruce Worzella

Now that snow has blanketed our golf courses, it seemed only fitting to share with you a little bit about the great time we had at the WGCSA dinner dance and golf outing.

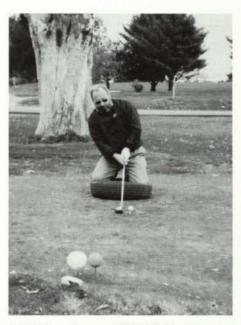
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The photos here show you that the objective is the dinner dance and golf outing is to have fun. It is a relaxing weekend that was welcomed by everyone who was there.

The weekend starts with arrivals on Friday night. Golf is the order of the day on Saturday, and in 1995 a new putter and a new tee box spike were there to greet players. Hot chocolate was the drink of the day and when the scores were tallied, the winners were, once again, Mike and Mary Drugan with an alternate shot score of 40. Trailing by one shot were Pat and Jan Wallrich (and twenty other couples!)

Dinner and dancing made for a memorable evening, even though midnight was about as late as we went. The next morning was met with farewells until next October.

I would like to thank Bill Wimmer from Cold Water Canyon for the use of the course and for the warm lunch on Saturday. Oshkosh Country Club, the Pioneer Inn and October 5, 1996 will combine for our next weekend together. Make it a date on you calendar now!



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