

A Report on:

THE 45TH ANNUAL GCSAA CONFERENCE

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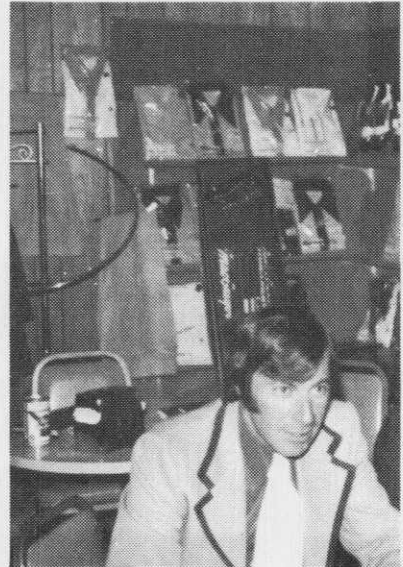
Anaheim, California

February 10th - 15th, 1974

By Larry G. Vetter, President MGCSA

The conference was preceded by a golf tournament for members of the GCSAA. The tournament was held on February 7th and 8th on the Mile Square Country Club Course in Fountain, California and the Yorba Linda Country Club Course, Yorba Linda, California.

The tournament ran into some weather problems. Play was held up both mornings by a heavy frost on the courses, making it necessary to delay play until the frost dissipated. However, on both days the weather changed to shirt-sleeve temperatures and play was then very enjoyable. In addition to the frost on the second day, a strong wind came up after 10:00 a.m., adding to the golfers' problems.



Larry G. Vetter

Larry Vetter was the only representative of the MGCSA and he had putting problems, which is understandable when you realize that he had not played any golf since the latter part of September. He did manage, however, a nice 35 on the last nine, playing in the wind. This left him seven strokes behind the winner who won the championship in a sudden death play-off on February 9th.

The committee provided bus service both days between the hotel and the courses. All in all it was a lot of fun for Larry just to be able to play in February.

On Sunday, February 10th, the "Gould Flight" arrived with about seventy Minnesotans and they ran into a little problem at the registration desk as the lines for pre-registered guests were much longer than the lines for the walk-ins. But they managed to get registered and get settled.

On Monday the educational sessions started and continued through the day. They were well organized and very interesting. In the evening there was a tour of the Queen Mary together with an excellent dinner party and the opportunity to see this facility and to make a tour was a treat and a pleasure.

On Tuesday the educational sessions continued and the exhibits opened and were well received by those in attendance. At noon Milt and Cathryn Wiley hosted a luncheon at the Golden Pheasant for Minnesota Toro and it was attended by a large group of our representatives. In the evening Jack Kolb and Par-Ex sponsored a cocktail party which was also very well attended and appreciated.

Wednesday the educational sessions continued and the exhibition area was also open.

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Both the educational assemblies and the exhibition area continued on Thursday with the finale to the conference being a banquet and dance. There was a record attendance at this event. The entertainment was excellent as was the food, and the facilities were lovely. It also presented an opportunity to visit and socialize with old friends and to meet new ones.

Friday was devoted to a tour of Disneyland and golf courses. Both were interesting and fun, particularly Disneyland.

Throughout the week the ladies were treated to various tours and attractions in the Los Angeles area.

The conference attracted a record attendance in excess of five thousand.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

During the conference there was an election of officers and the following officers and directors will guide the GCSAA through the year 1974.

OFFICERS: Charles Baskin
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G. W. Cleaver
Secretary-Treasurer

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C. H. Tade



Charles G. Baskin, G.C.S.A.A. President

The 1975 GCSAA Conference will be held in New Orleans with the 1976 scheduled for Minneapolis. So the MGCSA members have something to look forward to; it will include a lot of hard work.

After getting settled Gordon Miller of the Gould Company set up a hospitality room. This was in lieu of the going-away cocktail party that he had planned for the Airport at Minneapolis and had to give up because of regulations there.

We wish to express a special thanks to the R. L. Gould Company and Gordon Miller, Jack Kolb of Minnesota Turf Supply Company, Milt Wiley and Glen Rasmussen of Minnesota Toro.

These people do a lot of work for the MGCSA and their support and friendship is greatly appreciated.