

A very brief report on the 45th annual GCSAA Turfgrass Conference and show at Anaheim, California, February 10-15, 1974 (A more detailed report will be in the April issue of "Hole Notes")

I was at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Sunday, February 10th when a group of MGCSA members, their wives and families assembled before departing for the GCSAA Turfgrass Conference & Show at Anaheim. This group is known as the "Gould Group" because it was organized and reservations handled by Gordon Miller of the R. L. Gould Co. This is done annually by Gordy and his Company and requires a great deal of effort and time and we are very grateful to all concerned. It was a rather cool morning and although it was not snowing, at least in the Twin Cities, it had snowed the night before and it was windy with the snow being blown across the highways in spots making it rather hazardous driving. In spite of these conditions there were in excess of 70 people there, including men, women and children; several from areas so-e distance from the Twin Cities. Included in those that I saw were John Lightfoot from Cloquet; Irwin Fuller, Mankato; Kurt Erdman, Rochester; Dave Fedie, Forest Lake; and I am sure there were others. A very dedicated and enthusiastic bunch of people and they, together with the others from the MGCSA that drove, will be representing this area by approximately 100. We wish them all a very enjoyable, pleasant and educational trip.

The group departed on schedule at 11:00 a.m. and enjoyed a very fine flight. They were wined and dined and in general were made to feel welcome and comfortable aboard the plane. They arrived in excellent weather and enjoyed that kind of weather all during their stay. On their arrival they were joined by several others from our State bringing the total from MGCSA and their guests to about 100. A fine representation. After their arrival, the balance of the day (Sunday) was devoted to registration and getting settled.

The Conference opened Monday morning with Welcoming Ceremonies followed by the Keynote Address by a member of the U. S. Expedition which climbed Mt. Everest. He gave a tremendously interesting, exciting and educational talk. Time would only permit about an hour and a half, so only the highlights of the climb could be related. I am sure he could have talked for hours and perhaps days and kept the interest and attention of his audience. It was remarkable.

The afternoon session was an Educational Assembly and covered such subjects as "Trials and Tribulations of a Golf Course," "The Superintendent of Yesteryear," films and other exceptionally interesting subjects which were narrated by outstanding speakers.

Monday evening the members and guests attending the conference were treated to a very lovely dinner and dance on board the Queen Mary. It is estimated that more than 2000 Superintendents and their Ladies attended this party.

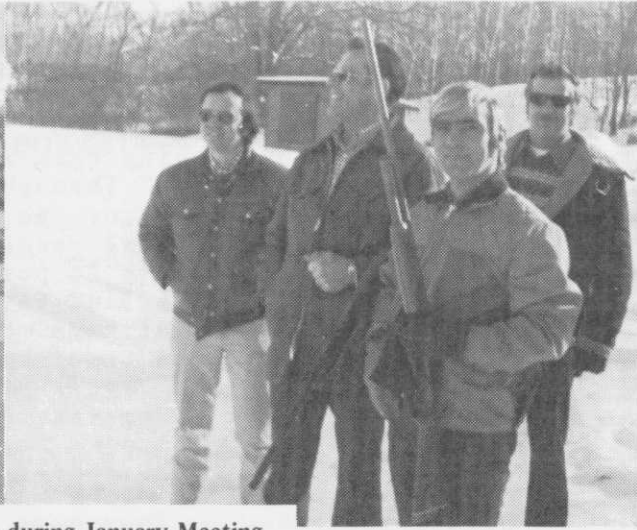
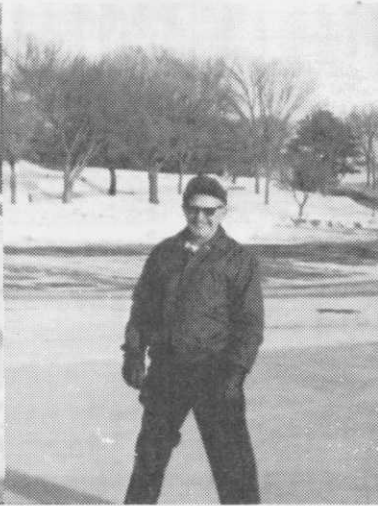
Tuesday morning the Exhibits were officially opened with special ribbon cutting ceremonies. Women and children were invited to visit the exhibits on Wednesday and Thursday only. Educational Assemblies were in session both morning and afternoon on Tuesday and again there were very interesting subjects presented by outstanding and able speakers. Our own Jerry Murphy was Chairman for the Tuesday Assemblies. At Noon the Minnesota Toro hosted a luncheon at the Golden Pheasant with Milt and Cathryn Wiley as Host and Hostess. In the afternoon the Ladies were taken on a tour of the Universal Studios. Tuesday evening Swift & Company hosted a party at the Disneyland Hotel.

Educational Assemblies continued Wednesday and Thursday with no depression in the quality of the subjects or the speakers presenting them.

Thursday night was the Banquet and Dance with the entertainment highlited by Gordon McRea.

Friday - a tour of area golf courses and ticket-passes available at a nominal amount for Disneyland. These ticket-passes were good for everything except food and the shooting gallery.

One item not on the schedule was that of Rich Rannells taking off for Los Angeles and getting himself married. Best of everything to you and your Bride, Rich.



These pictures taken at Woodhill Country Club during January Meeting



Pictures taken at Air Port on day of departure for Anaheim



Pictures on this page taken at Anaheim during GCSAA Annual Conference

