

Meetings

Monday, July 14 was MGCSA family day at the Minimum Security Unit of the Minnesota State Prison, Stillwater, Minnesota. It was a beautiful cool, sunshiny day and in excess of 75 superintendents and their wives and children attended and joined the 50 to 60 residents, their wives and children in a day of fun with a picnic atmosphere. There were races with prizes for the children, yes, and some of the mothers joined in, particularly in the wheelbarrow race when one or two of the children did not have a brother or sister to do the driving. There was golf for those that wished to play and a tour of the course for those that did not bring their clubs. The course now consists of 7 or 8 holes which, of course, does not compare with the average golf course, as they do not have any kind of a watering system and must depend on nature for the watering of the course (rain) but it is a start and affords the residents a place to relax and enjoy themselves at times when they are not working. There are other forms of activities such as horseshoe, baseball, volleyball etc.

The Minimum Security Unit (MSU) is a fairly large brick building where the residents live and is outside of the prison walls and has no bars on the windows or doors and no guards patrolling the area. The residents are, of course, men who have made a mistake and are assigned to the MSU to pay their debt to society and prepare themselves for life in the outside world when they are released. Adjacent to the living quarters is a large area with swings and teeter-totters for the small children of the residents and other visitors, a volley-ball court and a couple of horseshoe pitching facilities for the older children and adults, which of course, are also used by the residents. In this same area is a large piece of land with several shade trees suitable for just plain relaxing in the cool breeze or for a picnic grounds. Directly across the street is a baseball diamond and the golf course. Our family day outing and picnic was held at the afore-mentioned location and the picnic meal was prepared by the residents and it was delicious, with barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs and with all the other things that make up a picnic dinner. John Towige, Director of Minimum Security Activities was the host and did an outstanding job. Late in the afternoon or early evening we had the pleasure of Warden McMannis' and Assistant Warden John McLagen's company and we were honored to have them. We also had an opportunity to talk and visit with several of the residents and found them to be a very interesting and congenial group. We had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening and we wish to express the sincere thanks and gratitude of the officers and members of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents and hope that we will be invited back again, and, if we are, I urge every member of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association to make every effort to attend, with his wife and family; you will be very appreciative of the fact that you took advantage of the opportunity.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR BALANCE OF 1975

The Information Regarding the August Meeting is Important

August 11 - Daytona Golf Course. This is a change from the schedule as shown in the July issue of Hole Notes. That schedule showed August 4th at the White Bear Yacht Club. That was an error and we apologize for it. Remember, the next meeting (August) is August 11 at Daytona Golf Course. Golf at 1st tee 12 noon to 2 p.m. followed by the regular meeting, social hour and dinner. Cost of the dinner is \$5.00 including tax and gratuities. To get to the Daytona Course from the Twin Cities take Hwy 494 to Rogers, exit right on 101 for one mile, turn right and follow signs to the course. From the North go 6 miles west to Champlin on County Road 12 to course. Jerry McCann, our host for the day, advises that carts will be available. They also have indoor tennis and racquet-ball courts for additional recreation for those not playing golf. (continued on page 6)

Schedule of Meetings (cont'd from page 5)

- September 22 - Annual Tournament at the Interlachen Country Club. See entry form in this issue. If you have not already sent in your entry to Dick Ulrick, Lafayette Club, 2800 Northview Road, Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota 55361, do so at once. Remember there is a lot of work preparing for an event like this, so please cooperate. Late entries will not be accepted.
- October 13 - White Bear Yacht Club, White Bear, Minn.
- November 10 - Hanson House, Long Lake, Minnesota.
- December 4 - Normandy Motor Inn, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Thursday, Annual MGCSA Conference. This conference changed for this year (1975) to one day account of the GCSAA Annual Conference in Minneapolis in February 1976.



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