

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

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The M.G.C.S.A. was incorporated under the laws of Minnesota on April 16, 1971. From the original seventeen charter members in 1928 the Association has grown consistently to our present membership totaling 316 members.

The M.G.C.S.A. has been pretty well represented on the National Executive Boards with one president, one vice-president and several directors.

In the early years of the organization they sponsored the greenkeeping short courses at the University of Minnesota under the guidance of Dr. C. O. Rost and Professor Al Lawson. Later Rost and Lawson helped organize and hold the educational conferences privately.

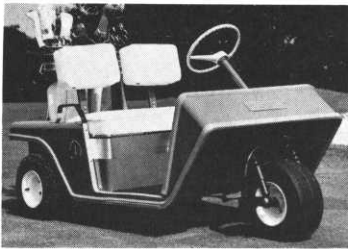
Prior to the inception of our association the green chairmen would round up an expert or two and would hold meetings on occasion on their golf courses and invite their greenkeepers along.

After the Association was founded the greenchairmen dropped their meetings and encouraged the greenkeeper to attend local and national educational conferences. This was a great boost for better golf courses.

The greenkeepers used to meet at the shop and from there the group would go out on the course, usually accompanied by some expert, criticize, inspect and discuss the shape of things and recommend.

As time passed the greenkeepers felt the absence of the greenchairmen and realized an important link missing. So our best minds devised the idea of having an annual tournament with the greenchairmen and so it is today.

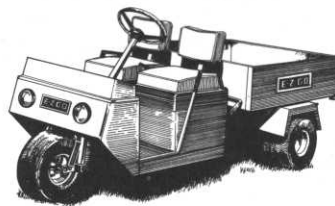
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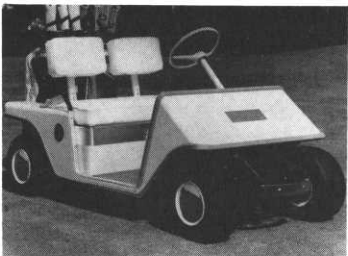
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