



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Steve Young

Two people were accepted as members at the February Board Meeting. They were: Joseph Thein, Class F, Sauk Rapids, Minn., and Gregory Senst, Class F, Marshfield, Wisc.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB. If you have been a member of our Association for twenty-five years you may be eligible for the Quarter Century Club. Contact Steve Young, 3425 Hamel Road, Hamel, Minn. 55340 if you qualify. Phone: 612/473-4114.

RECLASSIFICATION. Check the bylaws in the roster for classification requirements. If you are ready for a change, contact the membership chairman, Steve Young, with the data.

1980 DUES. If your 1980 MEMBERSHIP DUES are not paid, they are delinquent. Second billings have been mailed. All memberships not paid by April 1 will be dropped from the M.G.C.S.A.

COMMUNICATION. The following letter of appreciation was received from Herb Graffis and we wanted to share it with you.

"Dear Steve: Thank you and your teammates in the Minnesota GCSA again for making me an honorary member of your ancient and honorable order. My brother, Joe, and I very definitely have appreciated the honor of being counted in with you all over many years. There was a lot more pioneering in businesslike maintenance of golf courses done by the Minnesota Greenkeepers than people now realize.

Away back when Sam Clapper was getting the Toro engineering applied to golf courses, he had Charley Erickson and others doing a lot of intensive testing and that helped golf courses and golfers all over the country. Then there was the Staude outfit, as I recall, that made lugs for wheels that could make a battered and durable early Ford a golf course tractor. There was the National outfit, too, that developed a pretty damn good little mowing outfit with Ford's early job as a basis. Then Ken Goit worked out the Toro distribution plan at Minneapolis. The Milorganite tie-up of field testing and application, research and merchandise development got plenty of early action with Vic Kadish and O.J. Noer spreading out from Milwaukee to Minnesota and Illinois. Minnesota was ideal test territory because it had every soil from glacial rocks to Mississippi mud. And the weather.....everything from hotter than east of Suez to colder than a polar bear's prat. You know I have covered championships for one hell of a long time but the hottest one was up your way in 1930 when Jones won the U.S. Open of his Grand Slam. Hell, that made even the Blast Furnace Open at Tulsa when Bolt won look like a deepfreeze.

Steve, thinking back over those merry and exciting years when golf was growing up as a Big American Business, I can recall plenty of times when your M.G.C.S.A. Holy Land produced plenty of imaginative editorial ideas that have become standard operating practices and plenty of damn welcome advertising for Joe and me in Golfdom.

So now you see, Steve, and I'm sure the surviving old timers do, why this Minnesota Honorary Membership is more than one of those nice formalities to me. It is actually a refreshing, happy reminder of working with some wonderful guys in helping fellow Americans in the pursuit of happiness and in a vitally important work which I suspect too few of your colleagues and the general public appreciate. The golf course superintendent now is providing the escape and the therapy to save the poor damned stir-crazy victims of the concrete, glass, steel, asphalt and economic and social prison of these times. But anybody who was with Minnesota's superintendents or the poetically named Greenkeepers in the old days of spring when Scotty McLargen and his robust,

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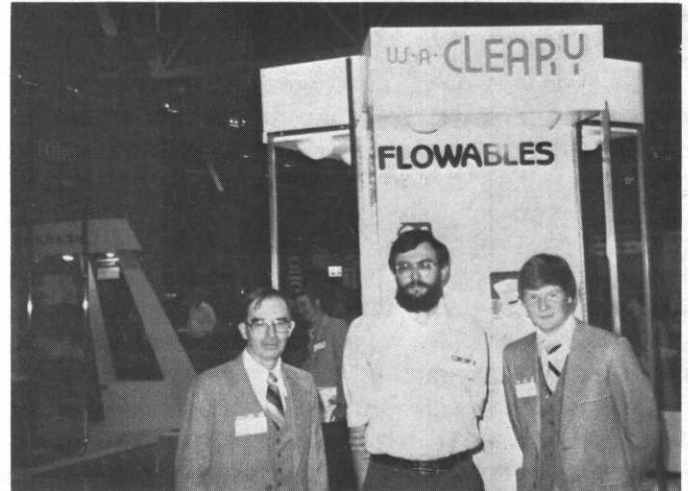
thirsty ilk drank the anti-freeze fluid as one of the popular varieties of native booze will realize why this membership and one of a companion kind from the Midwest association brings a smile, a laugh and a feeling of deep gratitude to you all. "

Sincerely,
Herb Graffis

More St.Louis

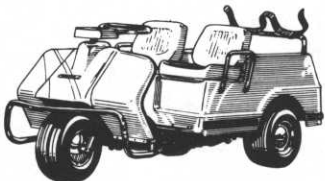


NOW HEAR THIS. Ted Horvath of Par Aide, left, gives explanation to Nick Dunn and Steve Young.



CORNERED. Jim Brown of Little Crow C.C., center, is flanked by Jack Kolb, left, and unidentified salesman, right.

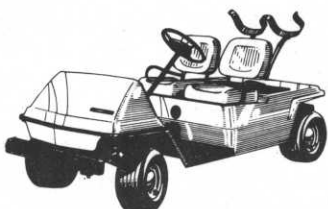
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