

EDITOR'S CORNER



by BOOTS FULLER
EDITORIAL CHAIRMAN M.G.C.S.A.

By now most of us have our courses pretty well put to bed for the season. For most of us the question really is, "Where has the 1983 season gone?" For me, it surely passed quickly. It seems such a short time ago that plans for the upcoming season were being formulated. Now it's over. Most of us will remember this season with some agony. Mankato Golf Club had a mere .05" of rain for a seven week period during July and August. Then, when it did rain, we couldn't shut it off. Needless to say, the courses with heavy infestations of POA suffered.

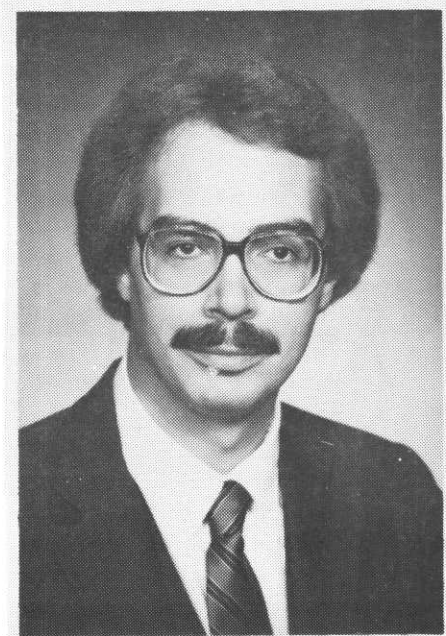
As I look back over the 1983 season, I must reflect upon the changes in our crew. To start with, Mary Sisson left to take over the Ironwood Golf Course in Mankato. During the season, five very capable crew persons left, some to other jobs, others to travel and still others to school. No loss could be more painful than the loss which ended the season. When Fred Taylor decided to go back to school, and temporarily retire from the Mankato Golf Course crew, the loss is more than just what he put into the operation with his knowledge. Fred possessed so many skills, and freely shared his talents. But even more, he brought a sense of togetherness that will be hard to replace. I have taught school for seventeen years, been superintendent at Mankato for eight years, spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and have worked with countless people. I have never worked with anyone that could even begin to compare with Fred. The rapport was unbelievable. He will be missed, no question. I have said many nice things to Fred

personally. Now I want the entire Association to know. Fred is tops. I wish him the very best in school. Perhaps some day he might return to the golf course industry. But for now, hats off to a super guy, a true professional, but more than that, a true friend.

A special treat this month is an article from an old friend, Jim Anderson, now of Wichita Falls, Texas. Please read it. He always has an interesting story to tell.

The December conference is almost here so get your reservations in. But before that, don't forget the Hanson House. Hope to see lots of you there.

SCHILLING NEW GCSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



President Robert W. Osterman, CGCS, recently announced that John M. Schilling has been promoted to the position of Executive Director of GCSAA effective September 7, 1983.

Schilling, who was promoted to the position of Associate Executive Director last May, has been employed at GCSAA since 1978. He replaces James E. McLoughlin whose resignation was accepted earlier in the year. The decision on Schilling's appointment as Executive Director was made last week in New York City, at a specially called meeting of GCSAA's Executive Committee.

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In announcing the Board's decision, Osterman said the selection of Schilling was unanimous and was based "on John Schilling's proven ability and initiative to direct, lead and manage people and resources to accomplish specific goals and objectives." Osterman pointed out that since Schilling has joined GCSAA, he had been involved in almost every aspect of the business and operational affairs of the Association.

Schilling, who will retain his responsibilities as Director of Conference and Show, said he felt honored by the Board's decision.

"Since joining GCSAA several years ago, I have always been proud to work for golf course superintendents and the golf course industry. I've had a keen respect for the position that every member of GCSAA holds in the golf world. Golf is a very special game, and superintendents have the most important and challenging positions in golf management."

ASSOCIATES' CORNER



FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

by JERRY COMMERS
CUSHMAN MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

Cushman Motor Company was founded by Jerry Commers and his wife, Dolores on August 1, 1949. At that time, 2-wheel Cushman scooters made up a large part of the business. One of the early innovators for golf course maintenance was George Ostler, who at that time was superintendent at Midland Hills C.C. He attached a side car to the Cushman 2-wheel scooter and created his "Turf Truckster". Emil Picha, then at Oak

Ridge C.C. purchased a 2-wheel scooter and installed training wheels on the rear end to accomplish the same thing, namely night watering and maintenance work by day. The original 3-wheel Cushman Truckster had two wheels in front and one in the rear.

In 1957 Outboard Marine Corporation purchased Cushman Motor Works in Lincoln, Nebraska. From that time on, tremendous strides have been made in improving the function of Cushman vehicles and related equipment. We are very proud today of our product lines which include Turf Care Systems, Gas & Electric Industrial & Commercial Vehicles, Cushman and National Mowers and Western and Melex Golf Cars.

Valerie and Tim Commers, daughter and son of Jerry and Dolores have been associated with the company for several years. Most of you know Tim and also John Sniker, who has been with Cushman since 1977. They are both actively involved with the M.G.C.S.A. and its members.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our faithful users for their friendship and support over the past 34 years and for helping to make us one of the top ten Cushman turf equipment dealers in the U.S.A. We couldn't do it without you.

MAGNE TO ARIZONA

Tom Magne, Assistant Executive Director of the Minnesota Golf Association and the M.G.C.S.A., has accepted a similar position with the Arizona Golf Association where he will serve an apprenticeship before becoming the Executive Director of that association. Tom has been with the M.G.A. for over eight and one-half years and will be a great addition to the state of Arizona. He will be living in the Phoenix area where he will assume his duties on November 1.

Tom has made many friends during his tenure here and we all band together to wish him much good fortune and a wealth of happiness in his new position.