

Our MGCSA chapter will also be well represented at the GCSAA golf championships in Palm Desert, California on January 27 & 28. Eight of us members have entered and if we shake off enough frozen cobwebs from our clubs maybe we can bring home the team trophy.

Do not forget to pre-register for the great fishing getaway at Izaty's Lodge on January 6th. It is a good time to relax for a day and enjoy a delicious steak dinner. The board also voted to make our ex-officio walk out to his fish house to give us others first chance at the big ones.

From all of us on the board, we hope to see you in San Francisco and HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

OOPS! WE'RE SORRY

On the January meeting flyer Wally Benson was listed as the host superintendent. Calvin Schmidt is the new superintendent at Izaty's Golf Club and he has been working in that capacity since May of 1985.

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The question of when golf was introduced into the United States has been a controversial one. However, the first generally recognized golf club in the United States, the so-called St. Andrews Club in Westchester, New York, was organized in 1888. In the next ten years, there were a few other clubs organized throughout the United States. According to Reidar Lund, the earliest mention of golf in Duluth was found in newspaper files of the late 1890's in which some visitors were quoted as saying that Duluth was "slightly on the 'jay' side for not having ground upon which to play this game called golf."

The first steps towards creation of a course in Duluth were taken in 1898 when several businessmen journeyed to St. Paul to inspect the Town and Country Club links in that city. They became enthusiastic about the idea and wasted no time considering sites for a course upon their return to Duluth.

Many years afterwards, Alfie Taussig loved to tell how he, D. G. Cutler, E. P. Towne and C. B. Woodruff rode their bicycles over the hill on East Superior Street and from a vantage point on a convenient hay stack, looked over the site of the first Northland golf course.

That was just ten years after the first generally recognized U. S. golf club was