

sional, a GCSAA superintendent, a club manager and a club president (or two members from the board of directors). Teams in the national tournament include a fifth member from the sponsoring John Deere distributorship.

Plans call for a sectional qualifying tournament in each of the 41 PGA sections. The winning team from each sectional one-day tourney qualifies to play in the 2-day, 36-hole national championship.

The format of sectional tournament play is a "modified scramble." The PGA professional team member plays his own ball. The rest of the scramble team players use the best of three shots until the ball is holed. The team score is the sum of the scores of the scramble team, minus 20 percent of the scramble team's handicap, plus the professional's score. All players must have an established USGA handicap; the maximum handicap an individual may use is 30. Handicaps used in the sectional events will be carried forward to the national tournament.



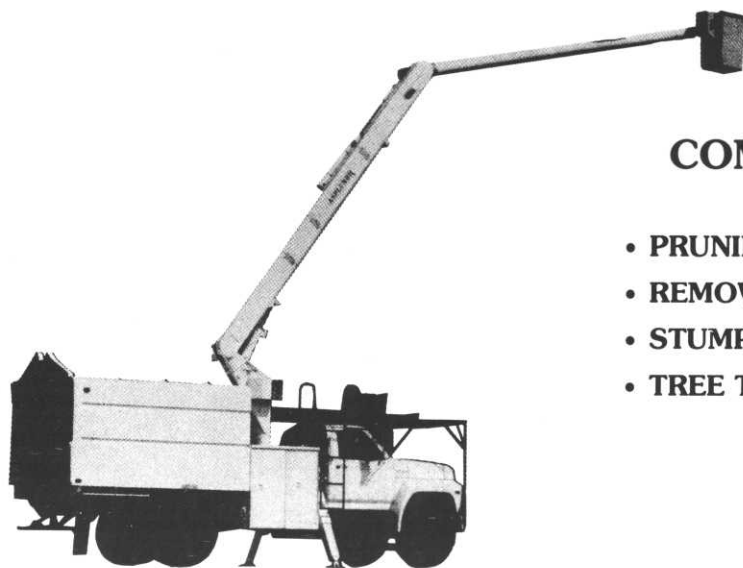
EDITOR'S CORNER

BRAD KLEIN, CGCS

Oh the spring rains! It seems Kevin Clunis has a direct line upstairs to control the rain, who else could have 100 guests and have the rain stop at the designated tee time. A great day was had by all, I'm sure.

Our next meeting will be at Tartan Park for the annual picnic. This event is sponsored by our associate members and is a great time and place to take your family for a much needed break from all the spring headaches. The picnic is on Monday, June 20.

The second annual Turfgrass Research Tournament is Friday, June 17, and is a great chance for you and your memberships to play one of the finest private clubs in Minnesota. You not only get to play but in the long range, you are supporting what will be a self sufficient Turfgrass Research Foundation.



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Being a golf course superintendent demands many qualities and abilities far beyond what the lay person may imagine. Abilities revolve around physical things; plumbing, wiring, construction and other assorted functions.

Qualities are better described as an attitude directed toward your abilities. Examples of qualities could be patience, understanding, humor and persistence. The two qualities that I have tried to develop at my present position are persistence and patience. What has taken some time to understand is that employees do and will make mistakes, but time spent explaining and correcting the mistake is more valuable than reprimanding and fuming.

We all want our dreams and wishes satisfied immediately, but our employers aren't always so obliging. My persistence in promoting automating the irrigation system on the Pine to Palm Course lasted from 1982 to May 13, 1988. That last date was when I turned the last wire nut and turned on the power.

I never let the subject drop and tested my patience one step at a time until it was done. Now I've become persistent about water in the rough, who knows, maybe by 1992 I'll get that done too. So who cares? Evidently not too many. I've only had two responses to a questionnaire I sent out a month ago.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New members to the GCSAA:

Alex R. Ellram,
Mike A. Hoffman,
Peter B. Mount.
Scott W. Pruszinske
David J. Zimmer,

New members to the MGCSA:

Chuck Egeberg, Class B, Clifton Hollow GC
Don Egeberg, Class BII, Clifton Hollow GC
Kevin Schmidt, Class C, Slayton GC
Todd Daniels, Class F, Prolawn, Inc.
Tony Kippels, Class F, Schumachers, Inc.

Class Change:

Jeff Backstrom, Class C to Class BII
George Ostler, Class A to Class AA (Life)
Mike Bruall, Class B to Class D
Tom Fuller, Class B to Class A
Chad Belland, Class C to Class BII

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