

Significant Changes in GCSAA/Chapter Relationship Discussed at Chapter Relations Meeting in Kansas

By Jim Nicol & Scott Turtinen

The GCSAA Chapter Relations Committee has recommended several changes in the present GCSAA/Chapter affiliation relationship. They were presented to the chapter delegates/representatives at the September Chapter Relations meeting on September 9-10 at the associations headquarters in Lawrence, Kans.

Representing the MGCSA were Jim Nicol, CGCS, Bunker Hills, chapter delegate, and Scott Turtinen, executive director of the MGCSA.

Following is a summary of the benefits provided from the GCSAA in affiliated chapters:

VOTING REPRESENTATION: Chapters may be represented at GCSAA's annual or special meetings by a delegate. The chapter delegate may be authorized to cast the votes of GCSAA voting members who are also members of the chapter and who desire to be represented by that delegate..

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND LOGO USAGE: Affiliate chapters may promote their affiliation with GCSAA by using the association's affiliated chapter logo in accordance with the guidelines established by the board of directors.

MEMBER LISTS: GCSAA shall provide lists of names and addresses of GCSAA members who are not affiliated with a chapter or chapters for recruitment purposes.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS: Affiliated chapters are eligible to participate in cooperative programs sponsored by GCSAA.

AFFILIATION STANDARDS: The Chapter affiliation standards are:

1) Chapters shall be incorporated in the appropriate state and be able to provide certificate of good standing from the appropriate state department.

2) Chapter bylaws shall parallel GCSAA's bylaws with regards to basic principles and superintendent/

assistant superintendent membership classification.

3) Chapter officers shall be GCSAA Class A or B superintendents and a majority of the directors shall be GCSAA Class A or B superintendents.

4) Chapters shall submit an annual report, current bylaws, current officers, current membership roster, a Certificate of Good Standing from the state where the chapter is incorporated, a summary of the annual financial statements for the chapter and a certificate of insurance.

5) GCSAA requires that all chapters send a representative to the Chapter Relations Meeting every September.

6) Each chapter shall send a voting delegate to the GCSAA Annual Election to cast votes of the chapter.

7) Each affiliated chapter shall carry general liability coverage and Directors and Officers liability coverage at a level equal to or above \$1,000,000 for each policy.

8) The membership requirements become effective July 1, 1997. The requirements of a new GCSAA member to join a chapter is contingent on a bylaws change which is expected to be put to a vote at the Orlando Annual Meeting.

9) Chapters shall have or shall obtain tax-exempt status within two years of receiving affiliated status with GCSAA.

The main topic of discussion at the Chapter Relations meeting was about membership of Chapters and GCSAA. Starting July 1, 1997, all superintendents and assistant superintendents who wish to become a new affiliated chapter member shall also become a member of GCSAA.

Also starting July 1, 1997, all superintendents and assistant superintendents who wish to become a new member of GCSAA shall also become a member of their local affiliated chapter. (Pending revision of GCSAA bylaws.)

Any local chapter will be "grandfathered" in the association forever and not have dual membership requirements if it becomes a member before July 1, 1997.

This area of discussion took about 10 hours and was unanimously approved by chapter delegates.

Assistants will be classified ad Class C members and their dues will be one-half of A and B members, however, they will not be able to vote. This will be a bylaw change.

Attendees also talked about Affiliate Responsibilities. It was noted that the Chapter and GCSAA are separate legal entities and each shall not enter into contracts and accept liabilities, obligation or expenses on behalf of the other. A Chapter shall indemnify or hold harmless GCSAA against any claim or liability as a result of the actions of the Chapter.

Revocation of Affiliate Status: This section provides mechanics on the revocation of affiliate chapter status when the chapter seriously violates the affiliation agreement. If a chapter does not comply with the new affiliation standards or does not comply with annual reporting requirements in later years will be placed on a probationary status until standards have been met. The probationary period will last three months.

Affiliated status privileges remain in effect during this period. At the end of the probationary period, chapters who have not met the affiliation standards or do not comply with annual reporting requirements in later years will be placed on a suspended status until the standards have been met or for a maximum duration of nine months.

During this time all GCSAA privileges will be suspended including voting representation and the ability to participate in cooperative programs. At the end of the one-year

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Beautiful October Day At Chisago Lakes

By Charlie Pooch

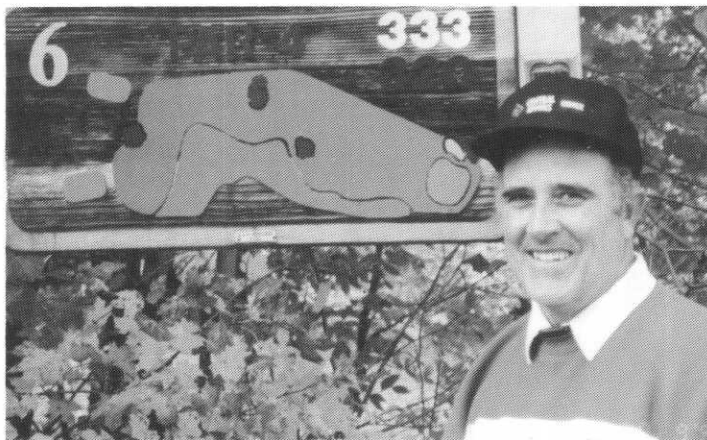
A beautiful October day awaited members gathered at Chisago Lakes Golf Estates, enjoying a delicious lunch and discussing *maybe* that last round for the season.

Dave Zimmer and his crew had the course in great shape, just ask Judd Crist, at Lester Park in Duluth and student at Anoka Vo-tech. On the 494-yard par five ninth hole, Judd pounded a driver and flipped an 8-iron in for an easy deuce — his second of the year! Scot Ender from Ruffridge-Johnson also had a big day. After six holes he got called away to be with his wife Robyn and helped deliver their second son, Erik Brian. Congrats, Scot!

After golf, Gary Chamberlain from Lesco gave an excellent presentation as everyone munched on the delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Chisago Lakes chef.

Awards went to the team of Greg Hubbard, Dave Krupp, Joe Check and Mike McDougall for first place with a net two best ball score of 120. Second place went to the team of Sean Erickson, Scot Ender, Jim Kimberly and Charlie Schultz.

Many thanks to Dave Zimmer for a wonderful day at Chisago Lakes Golf Estates.



Host Superintendent Dave Zimmer of Chisago Lakes.



Dick Grundstrom and Leif Erickson enjoying the day.



MGCSA members enjoying the lunch.



Representatives of North Star Turf Co. playing Chisago Lakes.

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probation and suspension period, Chapters may have their affiliated status automatically revoked. Revoked chapters must wait one year before they are eligible to reapply for affiliated status. An affiliation fee of \$500 will be charged.

New Chapters seeking affiliation for the first time will be required to have at least 25 GCSAA members of Class A, B & C status. New chapters seeking affiliation after July 1, 1997

will be required to pay a \$500 affiliation fee.

Other discussion at the meeting included talks given by some of the board members. George Renault, CGCS, gave a presentation on employment issues facing superintendents. Michael Wallace, CGCS, discussed "Enhancing Class A Membership Requirements." Tommy Witt, CGCS gave a talk on proposed changes in regional seminar programs. Dave Fearis reviewed GCSAA's on-line program, which will be introduced at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Las

Vegas in 1997. Don Bretthauer discussed Chapter contacts and the Chapter Relations Department's role in assisting chapters with requests for information. The meeting closed with presentations by GCSAA members who are running for the GCSAA Board of Directors.

On Thursday, December 7, 1995, there will be a MGCSA caucus to discuss these items and other GCSAA activities. This will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center at 1:00 p.m.