

a message from president larry g. vetter

Dear MGCSA Member:

As I approach the end of serving two years as your President, I do so with mixed emotions. It has been a rewarding two years, yet it has been time consuming and, at times, frustrating. Rewarding in that continuing programs were expanded and improved and new programs were initiated. Frustrating in that even more could not be accomplished.

During these two years, several accomplishments stand out as major factors in the advancement of our profession. It would be difficult to single out the most important, for the long range cannot be assessed so soon. However, one that must be considered is the increased stature that individual members and MGCSA in general has gained in the eyes of club officials. On several occasions, and particularly recently, we have been contacted for advice on turf problems or for locating a new superintendent for a club. We know this makes good sense, but apparently the clubs did not, until recently. What better way to help one of our members find a new position? What better way to help a club solve a problem or get the best superintendent they can afford? And when one of our members moves to a new position, this creates another opportunity for another MGCSA member. Almost without exception, this can help all of us, not just the principals involved. Future use of this service provided by MGCSA to its members and area golf clubs will definitely help our Association.

Not long ago MGCSA board members and, in particular, the Secretary, were experiencing an increase in work load with association business that made many decline running for office because it was too time consuming. Partially because of this we decided to retain an Executive Director and maintain an office. As is obvious, this decision was a sound one that has had far-reaching effects. First, the Executive Director is the person primarily responsible for our monthly publication "Hole Notes." He accumulates information and news, lays out the material, has it printed and mailed, and solicits support for the publication. He also is involved in other membership services in whatever way he can assist the Board and general membership. More times than not each issue of "Hole Notes" has been better than the last. Al Wareham was retained in this position and has been instrumental in many ways in MGCSA progress since he joined us.

Among other things he has made the work load bearable for your officers and directors. We can now concentrate on policy and decision making in our limited time which is as it should be. Because of the above I want to personally and professionally thank Al from deep down inside for his contribution to MGCSA through the many efforts he has expended. You have done a super job for all of us, Al, and I, as President, want you to know we appreciate it.

MGCSA has come a long way in the last few years. These accomplishments don't just happen. Possibilities are explored- investigated, nurtured, thought out and implemented if they seem beneficial. We now have a workable program with Anoka-Tec. We have minimized costs for our meetings. We can be proud to have been accepted for a GCSAA Pesticide Seminar. MGCSA, incidentally, was the first chapter to request this seminar for its membership. Our monthly meetings are better attended than ever. Our working relationship with other golf related associations is closer than ever. Our membership services are more numerous than ever, our involvement is greater and our rewards greater in many areas. MGCSA membership continues to increase, which demonstrates that our activity is not unnoticed.

In addition to Al, I want to thank our Associate members who help support our many activities. Also my fellow officers, directors, committee personnel and members who gave their time and energy to MGCSA activities during the past two years. I also encourage you to continue in your efforts as I pledge to do. Remember, to stand still in a world which is going forward has but one result, losing ground.

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Greens' Clippings

We are sorry to report that Ray Frieburg, an employee of the Minneapolis Park Board and member of the MGCSA, passed away very suddenly on November 9th. Ray was born in Spokane, Washington in December 1922 and was just a little over 51 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by his Mother, with whom he lived, and two brothers, Marvin and Lloyd. He was employed for a time as a golf professional at the University of Minnesota. He joined the Navy in January 1943 and was discharged in June 1946. Ray was a fine golfer and played in several local tournaments. Ray entered the services of the City of Minneapolis in 1949 and in 1950 transferred from the Water Department to the Park Department where he was continuously employed until his death. At the time of his death he held the classification of Foreman with the Park Department. The Officers and members of the MGCSA extend their sincere sympathy to his survivors.



Ray Frieburg

More vandalism, in fact this was theft. Vandals broke into the shop of the Superintendent of the Granite Falls Golf Course and stole a four-wheel 1974 Cushman Electric Golf Cart. The cart was white and gray, serial number 481384 which is shown at the front of the left side frame rail. If this cart should show up at your course, or if you should learn of some information as to its whereabouts, please notify Mr. R. W. Olson, Superintendent at Granite Falls Golf Course, phone (612) 564-2521 or his home 564-9801, or this Editor at (612) 922-6414.

Do you have or know where a used but still usable Greens' Mower can be located that the owner would donate to a worthy group (minimum security inmates at the Stillwater State Prison). They have or are building a 4-hole golf course and need this equipment. If you have any information, please contact Dr. Donald White, Horticulture Science Bldg., Room 415, U of M, St. Paul Campus 55101. Also if any of the superintendents or superintendent would like to assist the inmates in the construction of their course, you can also contact Dr. White and if unable to contact him, you can call the Editor at (612) 922-6414. Dr. White's phone number is (612) 373-1609. (cont'd on page 5)

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In closing, I want to thank you for entrusting the leadership of your association to me for the past two years. My one main hope at this point is that my efforts have helped MGCSA at least a fraction of the amount that my association with it and its members has helped me. I am very proud to be a member of this organization and hope that I have helped it during my terms.



Respectfully,

Larry G. Vetter
President, MGCSA

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NOTE - There is still time to sign up for
the GCSAA Pesticide Seminar, December 4-5.

A REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MGCSA RESEARCH PROGRAM
BY DR. WARD STIENSTRA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND EXTENSION
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EVALUATION OF SNOW MOLD FUNGICIDES - 1974

INTRODUCTION

Snow mold fungi in Minnesota are generally classed as grey and pink, however, diversity of fungi have been observed in snow mold areas. Thus, the screening of standard and experimental compounds alone are in mixes in search of more effective fungicides began at this research station and at test plots through the State (Test plots are located at Bemidji, Duluth, Alexandria, St. Paul, Mendota, Redwood Falls and Rochester). Lacking a universal panacea the professional manager does have a substantial list of chemicals to apply for snow mold control. The standard material, mercury, may be placed on the restricted list and/or made unavailable for disease control, thus the need to evaluate the effectiveness of commercially available fungicides and certain tank mixed combinations against the snow mold complex in Minnesota.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Appreciation is expressed to the Department of Horticulture for assisting in establishment and maintenance of the St. Paul Station and those Superintendents who have provided test plot areas. The following companies have also assisted this research effort:

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SUMMARY SNOW MOLD 1973-1974

Snow mold pressure was lightest at Rochester where Caloclor, Cadminate, Tersan SP and any other products mixed with Tersan SP performed well. Eight ounces of Actidione-thiram does not provide protection even in areas where disease pressure is low. Actidione-thiram plots generally have 2-5 mm of tip burn and may have diseased areas reduced by about 50%. Plots at Mendota and Duluth indicate spotty control with Caloclor and unsatisfactory performance of Tersan SP at both 6 and 9 oz/T. Adding Actidione-thiram to Tersan SP improved performance at Duluth while it did not change the control greatly at Mendota. Granules in every plot but Rochester failed to satisfactorily control snow molds. No numbered materials appear to offer much promise; however PCNB again performed fairly well.

After viewing the snow mold test plot data and culturing several of the organisms I can report that in 1974 I found Sclerotinia patch caused by Sclerotinia borealis on two golf courses in northern Minnesota at Duluth and Bemidji. I suspect this organism is also active in the Twin Cities. The symptoms on 'Penncross' bent grass immediately after the snow melts, are dark, gray spots, 2-4 inches in diameter. The grass plant appears to be water-soaked. A dark gray mycelium may be seen growing near the other margin of the spot. Several spots may coalesce and many small dull-gray to black sclerotia are embedded in and on the leaf axils and shoot bases. These sclerotia do not look like Typhula sclerotia. This disease seems to be more severe in areas where snow cover is slowest to melt.

(In addition to this article Dr. Stienstra submitted a chart showing Materials, Dosages and Locations tested. Treatment Rate/T, Average Percent Disease at Location at all of the Test Plots except Alexandria. Due to lack of space we are unable to include the chart in this issue. However, please retain this article and the chart will be shown in the January issue).

As we go to press there are still two superintendent positions open - Forest Hills and Rolling Green. Applications for the Forest Hills position should be addressed to the Forest Hills Country Club, 7530-210th Street North, Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025. The position pays well and there are many fringe benefits. Complete resume should be included with your first inquiry.

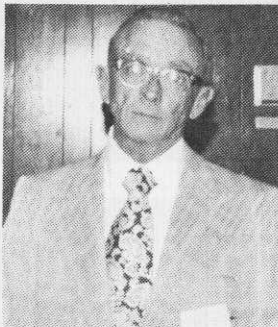
The position at the Rolling Green Country Club is a full time job, many fringe benefits, salary open. Applications should be sent to Mr. Bob Stillman, % Rolling Green Country Club, 400 Evergreen Road, Hamel, Minnesota 55340. Complete resume should accompany application.

We were happy to see Burt Joramo at the meeting at Long Lake this week. Burt has been ill for some time but is making a fine recovery and believe me Burt, your fellow members are pulling for you and always happy to see you, so come whenever you can.



Burt Joramo

George Ostler, Superintendent at the Hillcrest Country Club in St. Paul, and Chairman of the membership committee of the MGCSA, is working hard on up-dating the records of the members in the various categories and among other things he wants is the year each member joined the MGCSA. With one of the near issues of "Hole Notes," probably January, we will inclose a post card with some questions printed on and when you receive this card, please complete it by answering the questions and dropping it in the mail box without delay.



George Ostler

George says that he has several membership plaques that members have not received and he will have them at the registration table at the Normandy Motor Inn when you register for the MGCSA Annual Meeting and Turf Conference. If you do not have yours, please ask for it at that time.

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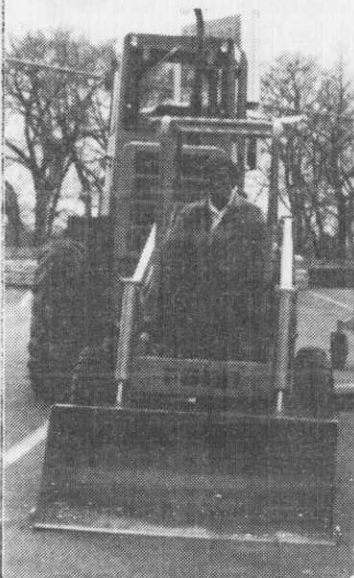
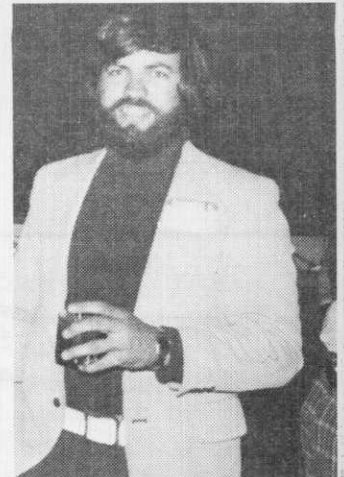
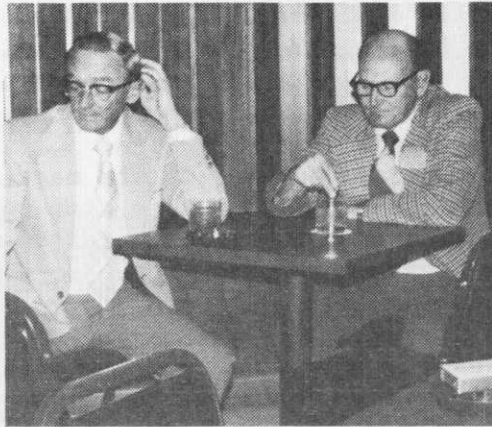
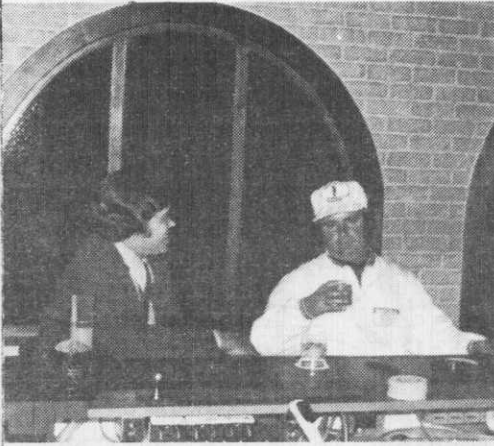
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PICTURES TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, LONG LAKE, MINNESOTA



Meetings

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November Meeting was held at the Hanson House, Long Lake, Minnesota, Monday, November 11th. The afternoon was devoted to visiting, cards and looking over the Long Lake Ford Tractor display of their equipment. The day was rather cool and windy and was ideal for some good old-fashioned visiting, discussions and exchange of ideas. While this was going on President Vetter held a Board Meeting in an adjoining room.

The Board approved the applications of Harvey Wilbright, Minnesota Wanner Co. and Gary Frandsen, Meyers Sprayer representative, for Associate Membership. We are happy to have these two gentlemen as members of the Association. The Board also approved a full page ad in the GCSAA "Golf Superintendent" welcoming their members, wives, friends and guests to the 1976 GCSAA Conference and Show in Minneapolis.

The Board Meeting was followed by the regular monthly membership meeting. This was a little change in the format usually followed whereby the regular meeting followed the social hour and dinner. The change was well accepted by the members. This time the regular meeting was followed by a cocktail hour hosted by the Host of the Day, E. L. (Bud) Shaughnessy and the Long Lake Ford Tractor. We are very grateful to them for hosting the social hour.

A fine steak dinner and there were 68 including 14 from the Long Lake Ford Tractor. sincere thanks to the Hanson House for the and for their gracious hospitality during evening. Thanks to the change in the format, had all the business done and we were then and enjoy that exciting football game in St. between our own Vikings and the St. Louis about as exciting a game as anyone could wish course, the fact that the Vikes won, did not



Host

Bud Shaughnessy

The dinner was a attendance, in- We extend our very fine dinner the afternoon and after dinner we able to sit back Louis on the TV Cardinals. It was to see and, of hurt any.

The following gentlemen were accepted as Class "B" Members: Eugene Lee, Hiawatha Golf Course; Douglas Dieter, Golden Valley Country Club and John Hopko, Elk River Country Club. The application for Class "B" membership was received from R. W. Olson, Granite Falls and was read and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Vern Hansen brought up the subject of a license for a State Pesticide Applicator and if attending the Pesticide Seminar would qualify an applicant for such license. The question is to be asked of the people responsible for issuing the license.

The recommended By-law changes, that were mailed to all members, were read and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Gerry Murphy, made the following recommendations for Officers and Board Members for 1975:

President:	Rich Rannells, Golden Valley Country Club	BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Two to be elected) Klem McCann, Coon Rapids Country Club Dick Ulrich, Lafayette Club Jim Wodash, Albert Lea Country Club George Jennrich, Woodhill Country Club
Vice-President:	Dean Sime, Interlachen Country Club and Bill Johnson, Edina Country Club	
Secretary-Treasurer:	Russ Adams, University of Minnesota and Keith Scott, Oak Ridge Country Club	

Dick Ulrick was appointed delegate to the GCSAA Conference in New Orleans and Rich Rannells was appointed alternate.

The 1976 GCSAA Conference and Show which will be held in Minneapolis was discussed and Larry Vetter volunteered to take on the Chairmanship of the planning committee for this event with Gerry Murphy as Co-Chairman and all of the Board on the committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and we were ready for the cocktail hour.

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GREENS' CLIPPINGS

Ray Hall resigned as Golf Course Superintendent of the Minnetonka Country Club effective November 15th and will devote his time to taking care of his Par 3 Course (Havana Hills) in Owatonna and will also do some travelling. On his retirement he will become an inactive superintendent and will no doubt apply for a Life Membership in the MGCSA. Pictured on the right is Ray with members of the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce at the opening ceremonies of the Havana Hills Course on July 20th. Ray, may you have a long and happy retirement and best of luck with your new course.



In addition to the resignation of Ray Hall there have been some other changes in the superintendents' positions at several courses. Gary Kwas has left the Wayzata course and Dave Fedie has moved to a course in Wisconsin. Irv Novak from Fargo has accepted the Superintendent's position at the Minnetonka Country Club and Jim Lindblad has moved to the Wayzata Country Club.

Jim Lindblad is looking for a good equipment mechanic, full time, at the Wayzata Country Club. Jim advises that the job pays a good hourly salary and there are many fringe benefits. For further information contact Jim at the Wayzata Country Club (612) 473-8846.

A reminder. If you are planning to go to the GCSAA Conference and Show in New Orleans in February, be sure and watch for Gordy Miller's mailing regarding his proposed package deal and follow the instructions given by Gordy and get your reservation in early.

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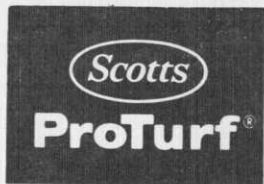
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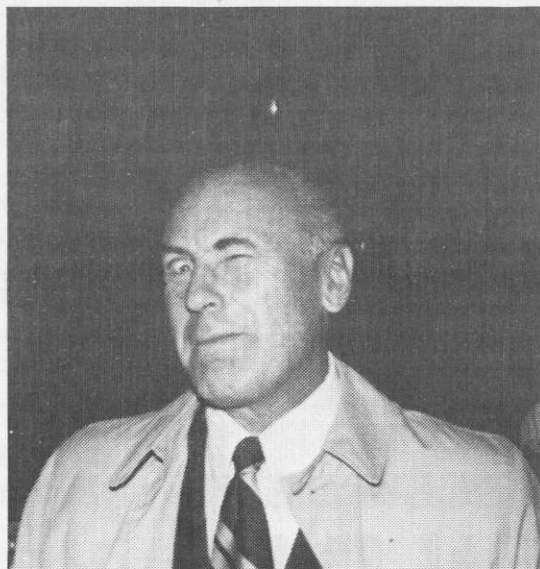
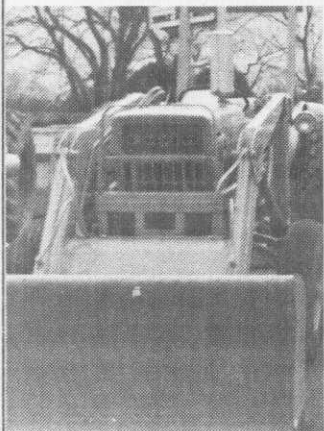
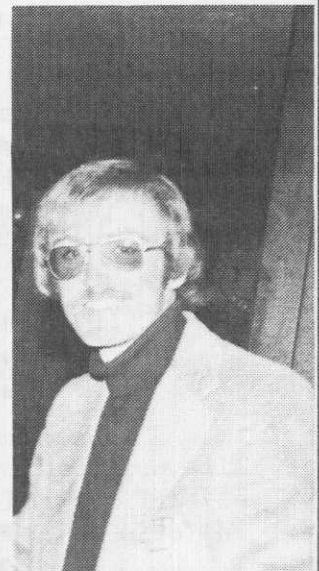
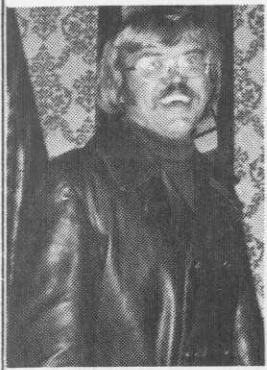
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