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TO SUPERINTENDENTS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS,  
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

Gentlemen:

Al Wareham, currently recovering from a mild stroke, aptly explained the many functions of the MGCSA in the March issue of "Hole Notes" which was sent to 150 non-members of the MGCSA. As Executive Director, Al Wareham has been a great asset to our Association, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

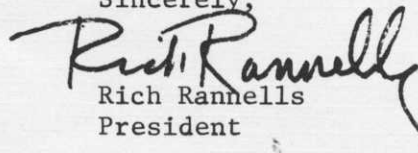
Superintendents are currently realizing more responsibilities, and as a result must strive to gain knowledge in all phases of turf management. Professionalism is a term which I would like to think that each superintendent is striving for. Professionalism is simply making the most out of your position with respect to work responsibilities, type of club operation and the self-respect which you wish to attain.

John Lightfoot, Superintendent of Cloquet Country Club, Cloquet, Minnesota, is a prime example of a superintendent who has strived to better the profession, as well as himself. John recently passed the testing procedure to become a "Certified Golf Course Superintendent." This award was initiated by the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America in 1971. In order to qualify for this award a superintendent must meet the basic requirements, complete a six-hour written examination which tests technical knowledge and managerial skills of administration and leadership, and possess a thorough knowledge of the official rules of golf. Congratulations to John who will be presented with a plaque from the GCSAA at a future meeting.

The International GCSAA Turfgrass Conference and Show will be held in Minneapolis on February 8-13, 1976. Hopefully, every golf course superintendent in the reach of this publication will attend this conference, for there is unlimited knowledge to be gained from the educational assemblies, as well as 150 exhibitions of equipment, fertilizers, chemicals etc. The MGCSA is hosting this conference, and with the support of the present, and new members, we hope to provide the best conference ever.

Membership in the MGCSA is \$25.00 for a year, which is very nominal when compared to the benefits which can be received by prospective members with "Professionalism" as a goal.

Sincerely,

  
Rich Rannells  
President

March 24, 1975

## GREENS' CLIPPINGS

Thomas A. Reynolds, Jr., President of the Western Golf Association, wrote a letter of commendation to Mr. Charles G. Baskin, President of GCSAA as follows:

"For excellence in their respected profession and special service to the Game of Golf, the Western Golf Association is truly proud to officially commend the following golf course superintendents:

Mr. Edward Fischer, Butler National Golf Club, Oak Brook, Illinois, host to the 1974 Western Open Championship

Mr. Russ Adams, University of Minnesota Golf Course, Minneapolis, Minnesota, host to the 1974 Western Junior Championship

Mr. Dennis Truhn, Point O'Wood Golf & Country Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan, host to the 1974 Western Amateur Championship

Their outstanding skill and dedication resulted in three golf courses superbly conditioned for championship play, and this is recognized by WGA as a key factor in the success of our three National Championships during the calendar year 1974. Their cooperation in this phase of their work was in keeping with the highest traditions and best interest of the Game of Golf."

(Signed) Thomas A. Reynolds, Jr., President

The MGCSA thanks Mr. Reynolds and the WGA for these very thoughtful and refreshing remarks in behalf of golf course superintendents, and particularly our member, Russ Adams.

## Planning Ahead for 1976

Larry Vetter has made arrangements with the Normandy Motor Inn for 21 rooms and suites (all pool side) for guests during the 1976 GCSAA Conference in Minneapolis in February. Larry will accept reservations for these rooms and suites on a first come first served basis. To make reservations please send a check for \$10.00 to him addressed to Larry Vetter, 3411 West 32nd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416. Telephone (612) 920-5171 (home) (612) 926-1604 (golf club). Would suggest you make your reservation immediately as they will go fast.

### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT

James M. Statz, 1614 8th Avenue South, Se. Cloud, Minnesota 56302, Telephone (612) 251-3734, is seeking such a position. Mr. Statz is 22 years old, single, 5'10" and weight 160. He has an excellent educational background including high school and two years of college in St. Cloud and will graduate in April this year from Lake City Community College, Lake City Florida, with an Associate of Science Degree in Golf Course and Turf Grass Industry, Equipment and Shop Operations, Principles of Plant Growth, Woody Plant Materials, Surveying and Drafting and many others.

Experience Background: He worked 5½ years at the St. Cloud Country Club under member Clif Vohs and during the summer of 1974 worked on the Atlanta Athletic Club course where the 1976 USGA Open is to be played. He will provide interested superintendents with outstanding references.

Cal Schmidt, who was with Jim Lindblad at Rolling Green, has accepted the position of superintendent at that course.

Jim Lindblad, Wayzata Country Club, Phone 473-8846, has a 150 and 250 Gal. usable sprays for sale.

Vern Hansen has resigned from the Anoka Vo-Tech and has accepted a position at Fargo. The teaching position at Vo-Tech is open and anyone interested contact Lowell Blom, Anoka Vo-Tech, Anoka, Minnesota 55303, Phone 427-4920.

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## GCSAA CONFERENCE

The R. L. Gould group of the Minnesota Delegation arrived in New Orleans Sunday afternoon, February 16th to officially open the conference from the Minnesota standpoint. This group was again arranged for by Gordon Miller of the R. L. Gould Company, who took care of reservations for air flight and hotel and did his usual outstanding job. There were about 70 in the group and all enjoyed the trip tremendously.

The Rivergate Convention Center was open all day Sunday to handle conference and tour reservations and Clem McCann and his wife opened the Minnesota booth on their arrival and manned booths to answer questions and hand out literature to all those interested in attending the 1976 conference in Minneapolis.

The business part of the conference opened Monday morning with a kick-off and keynote address by Chris Schenkel, ABC Sports Commentator. He dwelt quite a bit on his activities as a sports commentator, which proved very interesting.

Monday afternoon educational sessions started and a lot was learned by those attending, and was greatly appreciated.

R. L. Gould played host to a Mississippi River Cruise on the Orange Blossom. There were more than 50 of our local people making the cruise and enjoying it.

The exhibits opened Tuesday morning and were attended by the largest number of superintendents at a national conference to date. The gross attendance over-all was down slightly from 1974 at Anaheim.

Wednesday evening Minnesota Toro hosted a cocktail party where all were able to get started for an evening on Bourbon Street with its French Quarter atmosphere which never lets up and there are many little shops, restaurants and night clubs, each with its own music and form of entertainment.

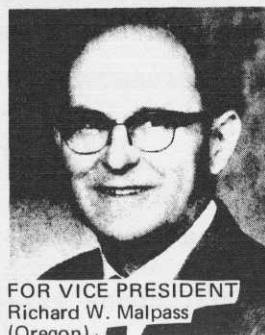
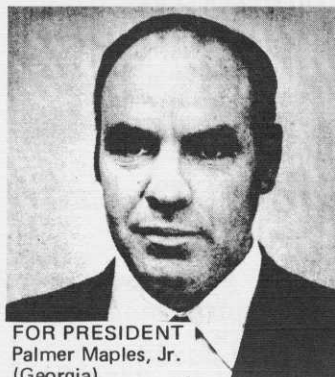
The conference closed Thursday evening with a Royal Banquet with entertainment by Ann-Marie Alberghetti. The meal was superb and it was amazing how the hotel staff could handle 1200 so cheerfully, serving a full course meal.

Friday was given over by the Minnesota delegation to golf course tours and on the same day R. L. Gould arranged for a post-conference trip to Biloxi for a couple of days of fishing and golfing. Jerry Murphy and George Jennrich will be glad to tell you how it is to get up and go fishing at 5 o'clock in the morning.

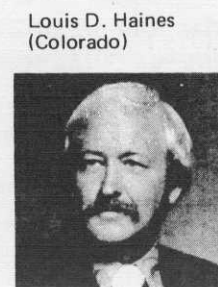
From that point on the delegation split up and went their respective ways, some to Florida, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and other point before returning home to prepare to get ready for the spring season.



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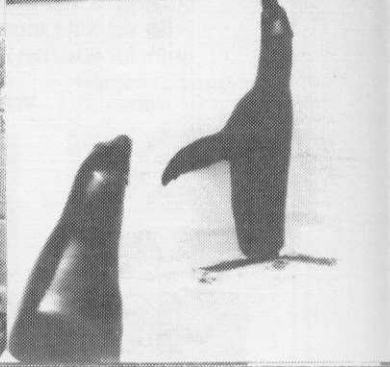
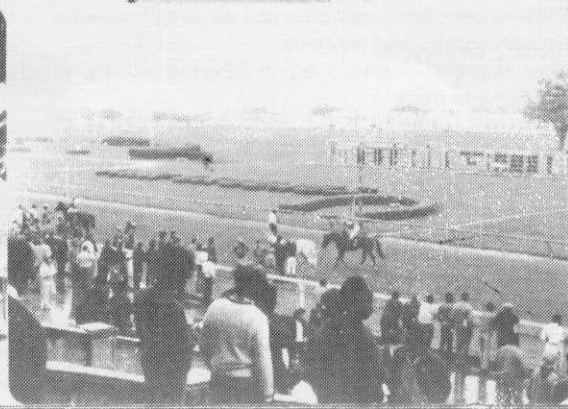
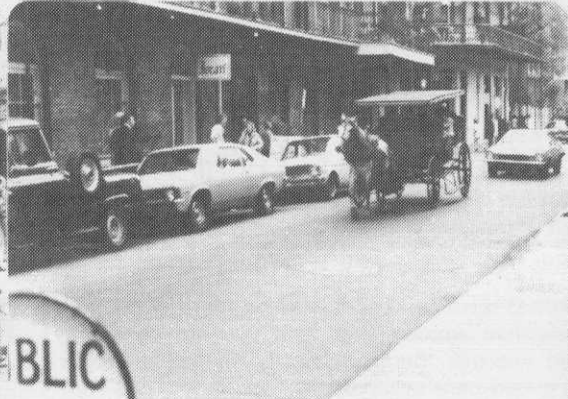
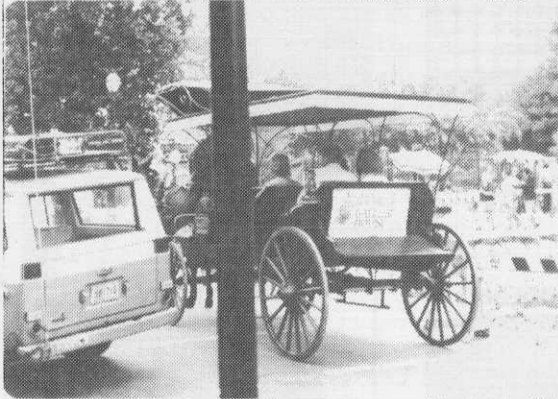


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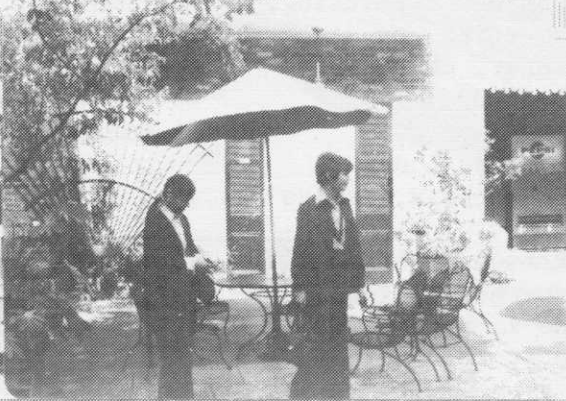
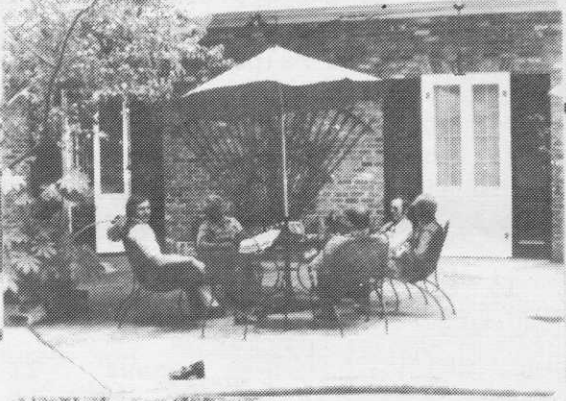
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BOARD MEETING AND REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1975

- President Rich Rannells called the Board Meeting at 3 p.m. at the Ranch House. Bob Feser's application for Life Membership was approved by the Board and they extend Bob every best wish for the future.
- There were various other subjects discussed and approved by the Board. After the Board Meeting and preceding the regular membership meeting, the members went to the Toro Manufacturing Company where the members were divided into three groups and each group was given a guided tour. It was an interesting and enjoyable experience to have an opportunity to see turf equipment being manufactured and the Toro people were very gracious in providing this information. They also presented each person with a "Toro" Golf Cap. After the tours had been completed the group returned to the Ranch House for the regular dinner and meeting.
- Before the business meeting opened Dean Sime, Chairman of the Research Committee, presented Dr. Ward Stienstra with a check in the amount of \$2000.00 in support of the Research Program.
- Keith Scott gave a financial report and Tom Hopf reported on the OSHA Meeting which he attended while in New Orleans and he reminded everyone to continue to check their shops and equipment for conditions in compliance with OSHA standards and if they find any such conditions, to correct them before they are fined.
- Jerry Murphy reported on the progress of the Stillwater Committee and was happy to report good progress being made and that in addition to the Superintendents' group; from a sport's standpoint, they have organized Tennis Pros and Golf Pros and also suppliers of equipment and material. He has mailed a separate letter, which you should now have received, to all members.
- Applications of Jerry Heckler, Canby Golf Course, Class A; Ed Fortun, Virginia Municipal Golf Course, Class B, and Joseph McMann, Highland Greens Golf Club, Class B, were presented for approval. All were approved and a warm welcome extended to these new members. We trust they will enjoy their membership and become active in the Association. The application of Roger D. Nelson, Assistant Superintendent at Luck Country Club was received for Class B Membership and will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Dick Ulrick, voting delegate to the New Orleans Conference, reported on the election of officers and directors as follows:
  - Richard Maples, President; Richard Malpass, Vice-President and three directors for two-year terms were George W. Clever, Louis D. Haines and Gordon C. Witteveen.
  - Larry Vetter had a very distinguished gentleman at the meeting as his guest, Mr. Richard Adderley, a Superintendent from the Wanderers Golf Club, Johannesburg, South Africa. Mr. Adderley is touring the United States and Europe and we were very fortunate to have him as a guest at one of our meetings.
  - George Jennrich announced the following schedule of meetings for the balance of the year:

April 14 - Lafayette Club - Golf in afternoon, weather permitting, followed by meeting and dinner; Pot Roast dinner, cost including all, \$6.00	August 11 - White Bear Yacht Club
May 12 - Open	September 15 - Annual Golf Tournament
June 13 - Picnic - Arrowwood Lodge Alexandria, Minnesota, Ladies invited	October 13 - Chisago Lake Golf Club Lindstrom, Minnesota
July 14 - Stillwater Prison - also a Picnic with barbecue dinner cooked by the inmates; ladies also invited to this meeting	November 10 - Hanson House, Long Lake
	December 4 - Thursday - Annual Conference at Normandy Motor Inn, cut to one day this year because of National Conference in February 1976 at Minneapolis

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### DUES

If you will refer to the Bylaws you will note that the annual dues is due and payable on January 2nd of each year. In 1975 we allowed a 30-day grace period by not getting the bills to you before the 1st of February. However, as of this date, only about 50% of the members have paid and the rest are technically delinquent, making suspension a privilege of the Board, and I am sure you do not wish that to happen. So if you have not paid your dues mail it to A. W. Wareham, 5600 Chowen Avenue, Edina, Minn. 55410.

### INFORMATION CARDS

We frequently receive requests from members including advertising distributors for a complete roster of the membership. We have not had this information available since 1973 and late last year George Ostler, Chairman of the Membership Committee, started a program to prepare such a roster and we mailed information cards to every member. Unfortunately we have only received a small percentage back and, of course George cannot do the job he wants to do and we cannot supply the information to our advertisers. We will send out another card with this issue to those who have not returned the first one and ask that you please get them back to George immediately.

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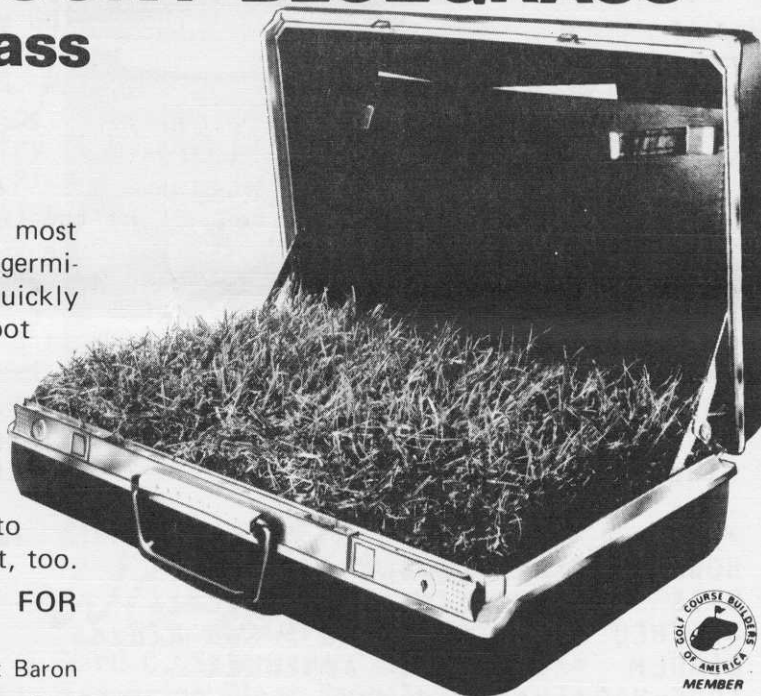
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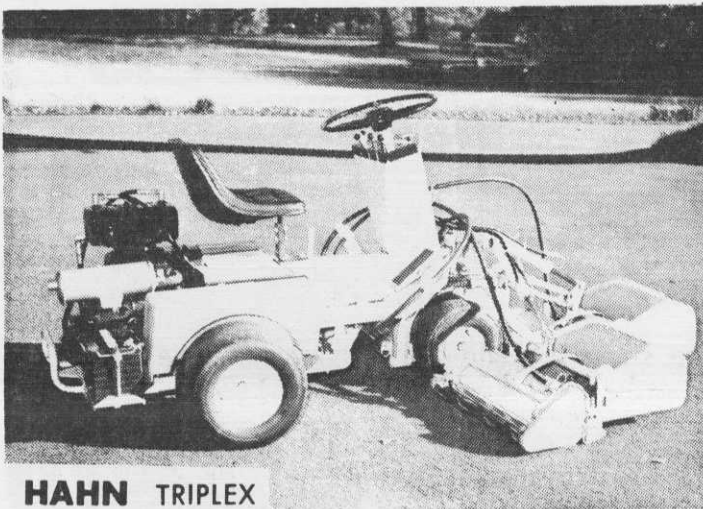
You will note, in the minutes of the March Meeting, that Dean Sime presented Dr. Stienstra with a \$2000.00 check for the Research Program.

This is a very important program and in order to continue the program and get the most out of it requires finances and you must ask your club to make a contribution in 1975 and to put it in their budget for each succeeding year.

In the March issue we acknowledged with thanks and appreciation several notes and letters we received from, particularly, Honorary Members, and we do really appreciate them and want you to keep them coming. Here are several more we would like to acknowledge: Dr. W. P. Martin, University of Minnesota, Dr. George R. Blake, University of Minnesota, Dr. James R. Watson, Toro Company and Dr. Arvo Kallio, University of Minnesota, Duluth.

We repeat that we are happy to receive these acknowledgments and would appreciate it if any of you gentlemen might find time during the course of the golfing season to write an article for us, of a page or so, on your particular subjects. We would like it and I am sure all of the members of the association would gain considerably from such information.

We received a note from Dave Fedie, formerly with the Forest Hills Country Club, who has moved to Durand, and happy to say he is apparently doing well for himself. Not only is he the Superintendent but also the Manager and Pro at the Country Club. Congratulations, Dave, and we are all pulling for you. Let us hear from you occasionally.



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