

## a message

FROM THE 1975 PRESIDENT, RICHARD RANNELLS

It goes without saying that I am highly honored at being elected President of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.



In accepting this office I fully recognize the responsibilities attached thereto and the confidence my fellow members have shown in me by electing me to the Presidency of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association for 1975. I will do everything I can to justify your confidence.

There are some additional responsibilities this year that are different from other years. That is making preparations for the Annual GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference and Show to be held in Minneapolis in February 1976. It will require some hard work and detailed planning, which will be a time consuming job. However, I approach this phase of my administration with great confidence

as we have the people in our Chapter that are capable and can and will do the kind of a job that will make this event second to none of the past GCSAA conferences and shows. When you are asked to serve on a committee or committees, and you accept, please give everything you have to do a good job. If for any reason you will be unable to serve, please tell me at the time you are requested to serve. Do not accept the appointment and then not be able to carry out the responsibilities as this just creates a problem.

As to the normal responsibilities of the Presidency of the MGCSA I pledge my utmost efforts. During my administration we will carry out the many programs which were inaugurated by my predecessors and will be continually on the lookout for new programs that will increase the stature of the Association and the professional stature of our profession. In this connection your suggestions are always welcome and solicited.

We all recognize that a successful organization, such as the MGCSA, is not a one man organization and I am very fortunate to have these gentlemen as officers and members of the Board of Directors for 1975: Dean Sime, Vice-President; Keith Scott, Secretary-Treasurer; Board of Directors, George Jennrich, Clem McCann, Jim Lindblad, George Ostler and Larry Vetter, ex-officio. A hearty welcome to this Administration.

To help carry out the administrative work of the Association I am appointing the following committees and the personnel to serve on them:

Nominating Committee Russ Adams, Chrmn	Education Committee Jim Lindblad, Chrmn	Ecology and Research Committee Dean Sime, Chrmn
By-laws Committee Clem McCann, Chrmn	Public Relations Committee Larry Vetter, Chrmn	O.S.H.A. Committee Clem McCann, Chrmn
Finance Committee Keith Scott, Chrmn	Arrangement Committee George Jennrich, Chrmn	Stillwater Committee Gerry Murphy, Chrmn
Membership Committee George Ostler, Chrmn	Entertainment Committee Rich Rannells, Chrmn	(76) Conference Committee Larry Vetter, Chrmn
Editorial Committee Rich Rannells, Chrmn	Tournament Committee Dick Ulrick, Chrmn	

I extend a wish for a very happy and successful 1975.

THE GCSAA PESTICIDE SEMINAR  
AND  
THE MINNESOTA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION 47TH ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE  
AND BUSINESS MEETING  
NORMANDY MOTOR INN, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, DECEMBER 3-4-5-6

The Pesticide Seminar opened Tuesday morning, December 3rd and closed Wednesday afternoon, December 4th. The purpose of the Seminar was to help Golf Course Superintendents prepare for certification examinations for State License for Pesticide Applicators.

In addition to representatives of the GCSAA and the University of Minnesota, there were also representatives of the State Department which issues the Applicator license. The speakers representing the State included Dr. Rollin M. Dennistoun of the Department of Agriculture and with the others gave some very interesting, informative and educational information. The theme of the seminar was "Principles of Chemical Usage."



*Dr. Rollin M. Dennistoun*

two years by again taking the tests. Attending the two day work shop for renewal will not be required.

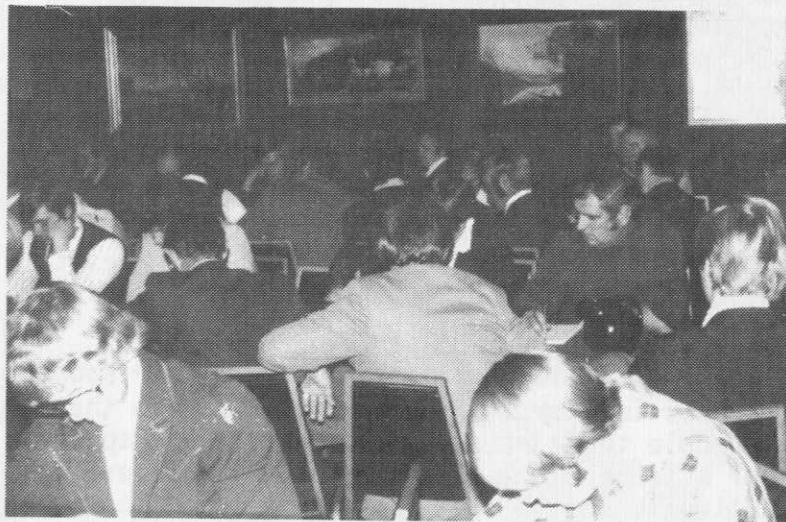
At the conclusion of the Seminar the GCSAA gave a test to those wishing to take it and the purpose was to let the applicants know how well they were qualified and ready for the State test. If an applicant passed this test with an 80% or better grade he will receive a certificate of merit from the GCSAA.

We were a little disappointed in the number attending the seminar. Only 34 registered. In talking with those that did attend we got the impression that they were very well satisfied and glad they had the opportunity to receive the many educational and informative benefits they got. They felt that it will serve as a distinct advantage when they attend the State workshop and take the State test for a pesticide applicator.

The MGCSA extends their thanks to all who participated in the seminar.

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The GCSAA has either presented or planned a total of nine offerings of its comprehensive seminar. The schedule includes Champaign, Ill., East Lansing, Mich., Columbus, Ohio, Jacksonville, Fla., Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Minneapolis, Minn., Anaheim, Cal. and New Orleans. It was hoped that the Department in the State of Minnesota, responsible for issuing the license for pesticide applicators would permit any Superintendent attending the GCSAA seminar, to take the test for a license, however, this did not work out and any person wishing to be a licensed pesticide applicator must attend a two day work shop sponsored by the State of Minnesota and pass two of their tests to be eligible for a license. The first license is for two years and can be renewed at the expiration of the



*Taking GCSAA Test*



MGCSA TURF CONFERENCE (cont'd from page 3)

The MGCSA opened their part of the 4-day program with a Business Meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Normandy Motor Inn. President Larry Vetter presided.

The principal business conducted was the election of Officers and Board Members for 1975. Jerry Murphy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee gave the committee's recommendations and there were then nominations from the floor. The following members were elected to offices and to the board for 1975:

President	-Richard Rannells	Elected to the Board
Vice-President	- Dean Sime	George Jennrich
Secretary-Treasurer	- Keith Scott	Clem McCann

R. W. Olson of Granite Falls and Kevin Benson of Edenvale were accepted as Class B members. The application for membership of John Kuusinen of the Mesaba Club was read, the applicant introduced and the application will be voted on at the next meeting.

The Conference Program started Thursday morning, Dave Fedie, Session Chairman. Larry Vetter, President, gave the Welcome Address.

The Thursday morning program included talks by Lee Record, Director Mid-Continent Region U.S.G.A. Green Section on "Where Do We Go From Here," by Dr. Tom Watschke, Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science, Penn. State University, on "Postemergence Poa annua Control," by Charles Baskin, President GCSAA on "GCSAA and You" and by Dr. Ward Steinstra, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist Turf Pathology, University of Minnesota on "Minn. Snow Mold Complex and It's control."

The Thursday Afternoon Session got started at 1:30 p.m. with Dave Zimmer Session Chairman. The afternoon speakers on the subject of "Thinking Superintendent" were Charles Baskin, President GCSAA, Russ Adams, Superintendent, University of Minnesota Golf Club, and Paul Voykin, Superintendent, Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Illinois. This part of the program was followed by the "Bull Session," always a very interesting part of the MGCSA Conference. In the evening the Annual Stag was held at the Normandy Motor Inn. It was well attended and enjoyed.

The Friday morning Session opened at 9:00 a.m. with Dick De Splinter as Session Chairman. Dr. Ward Steinstra spoke on "Summer Disease Problems;" Dr. Tom Watschke on "Growth Regulators for Turfgrasses;" Dr. Paul Guehler of the 3M Company talked on "Pond Management." Mr. Guehler replaced Mr. Harry Toussaint of the same company, who was unable to attend. Mr. Charles F. Glaman, Vice-President First Nat'l Bank of Minneapolis spoke on "Pensions and Tax Free Income."

The Friday afternoon Session was presided over by Leo Hanson, Session Chairman. Mr. Paul Voykin talked on "Over Grooming of Golf Courses," Mr. Warren Rebholz, Executive Director of the Minnesota Golf Association's subject was "MGA Measuring and Course Rating Program - What it Means to you," and Dr. Donald White, Department of Horticulture, University of Minnesota, spoke on the subject of "New Look at Some Old Problems." The afternoon program was concluded with a talk by Lee Record on "Can You Top This."

This was the greatest Conference ever sponsored by the MGCSA. It was well attended, in excess of 160 registered. To the Gentlemen who took time out of a busy schedule to be with us and be our guest speakers, we are most grateful and extend our sincere thanks. All of the talks were most interesting, informative and educational, and it was a privilege to be there and hear them. Thanks again, Gentlemen.

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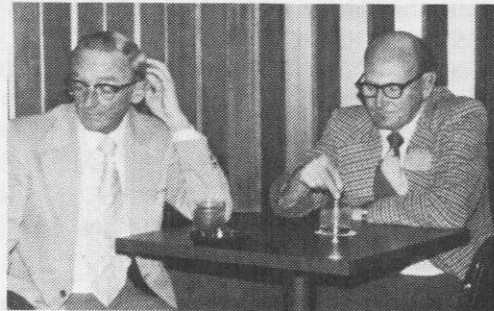
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The Conference closed with the Banquet and Dance. This is always a great ending to a fine event. Having the Ladies there with their beauty and grace makes a closing that is hard to beat, yes, not even tie.

In addition to the dinner and Dance there were a couple other things of interest. Larry Vetter presented Dr. Steinstra with a check for the Research Program. A GCSAA Scholarship was awarded to Gary Swanson from the Ridgeview Country Club, Duluth, who is attending the University of Minnesota in Dr. Don White's Turf Management Course. Congratulations, Mr. Swanson. There was also a drawing for a week end for two at Jim Maddens - Madden Inn, Brainerd, Minn. The lucky couple was Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Fuller of the Mankato Golf Club. Have fun, Fullers.



THESE PICTURES TAKEN AT THE BANQUET





GREENS' CLIPPINGS

The January meeting will be held at the Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, Minnesota, Monday, January 13th. For entertainment there will be ice skating, snowmobiling (provided, of course, that we have snow), paddle ball, skeet shooting, cards, visiting, dinner and a business meeting. The cost of the dinner will be \$7.00, including tax, gratuities, etc. George Jennrich asked that I remind all you shooters to bring your own shells as there are none available at the Club.

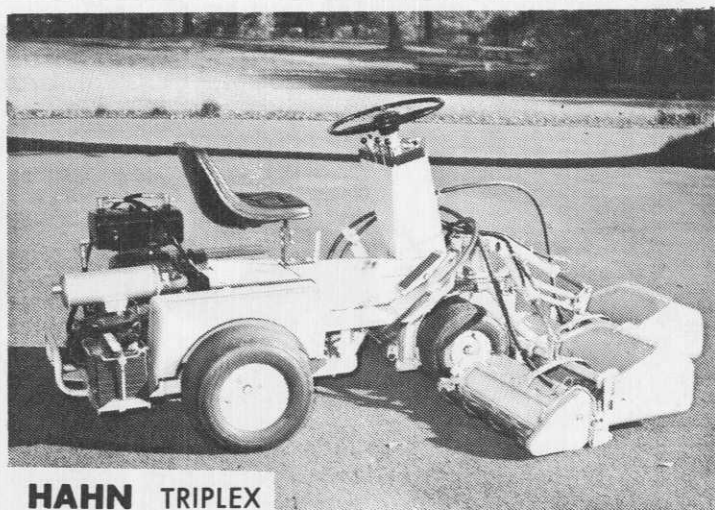
The schedule of meetings for 1975 has not been completed to date. However, the schedule will be carried in the February issue, at least, the dates of the meetings and the locations of all that have been confirmed.

George Ostler, Chairman of the membership committee is going to bring the membership roster up to date and when done will have a new roster printed and distributed to the members. In this connection we will enclose a post card with several questions printed on it and addressed to George Ostler, in the Superintendents' and Assistant Superintendents' copy of the January "Hole Notes." Please be on the lookout for this card and complete it in its entirety and mail to George Ostler without delay. Your cooperation is requested so that a new roster can be made, printed and mailed to all members as soon as possible.

To help George Jennrich complete a meeting schedule, including a date and location for the annual tournament, as soon as possible, please contact him if your club would like to host one of the 1975 meetings.

Your Editor would appreciate receiving news items from the members that can be used in the monthly "Hole Notes." This includes such things as new assistants, major changes in the course, change of jobs, including new location, pictures etc. Get them in early in the month and often. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Vandalism still prevails at golf courses. We received a report of extensive damage to twelve golf carts at the Hiawatha Golf Course on the night of October 24-25. (continued on page 10)



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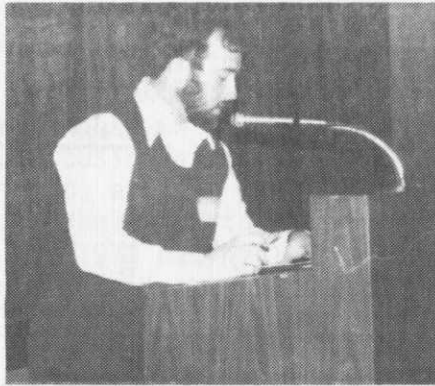
MATERIALS, DOSAGES & LOCATIONS TESTED

Treatment	Rate/T		Average Percent Disease at Location						Alexandria
	oz	lb	Duluth	Mendota	Rochester	Redwood Falls	Benidji	St. Paul (U of M)	
Caloclor	3		18	18	--(C)	3	14	3	(A)
Caloclor	5		10	--	1	--	15	3	
Cadminate	2		--	20	--	22	20	3	
Cadminate	6		--	--	1	--	--	--	
Tersan SP	6		4	5	0	1	8	2	
Tersan SP	9		8	8	0	1	10	2	
Tersan SP + Tersan 1991	6+2		5	7	0	--	9	1	
Tersan SP + Actidione Thiram	4+4		1	5	--	15	25	1	
Tersan SP + Actidione Thiram	6+6		--	--	0	--	0	1	
Tersan SP + Actidione Thiram TGF	4+4		2	11	--	13	--	1	
Tersan SP + Actidione Thiram TGF	6+6		--	--	0	--	10	1	
Tersan SP + Thiram	4+4		1	9	--	1	--	1	
Tersan SP + Thiram	6+6		--	--	0	1	9	1	
Actidione Thiram	8		20	15	40	30	25	9	
Thiram	8		16	7	9	--	--	10	
Tersan 1991	2		23	35	9	--	60	15	
Actidione R2	4		1	--	3	--	--	--	
Actidione R2	8		--	--	2	--	--	1	
PCNB	4		--	10	--	8	30	5	
Bromosan	8		10	18	9	28	--	8	
Fungo	8		42	--	--	56	--	24	
336	8		10	18	9	28	--	20	
Topsin M	8		--	35	15	--	25	15	
Cleary 1881	8		15	85	11	--	29	10	
Cleary 2020	8		76	45	8	--	35	12	
MF582	6		0	3	10	--	10	4	
MF582	10		--	1	--	--	5	3	
MF582	16		0	1	0	0	0	2	
MF573	9		38	40	1	17	50	12	
MF568	9		16	28	1	30	40	7	
Calogran		8	17	60	1	7	20	4	
Cadtrete		8	38	39	11	60	40	10	
Bromosan		8	32	60	9	55	35	10	
3336		8	41	80	8	18	--	10	
Terraclor 10 g		4	8	--	3	--	25	--	
Terraclor Super X		4	10	--	4	--	--	--	
MF583		6	--(D)	--(D)	5	20	15	0(E)	
MF583		8	--(D)	--(D)	7	--	--	0(E)	
MF583		12	--(D)	--(D)	0	--	7	0(E)	
MF583		16	--(D)	--(D)	--	--	0	0(E)	
Cleary 4220		8	13	42	16	8	13	4	
Cleary 4221		8	20	51	9	56	25	4	
Cleary 4222		8	18	10	7	20	20	4	
MF571		3	--	95	9	60	60	--	
MF571		6	52	82	9	50	50	5	
Check (no treatment)			100	100	45	56	85	5-25(B)	

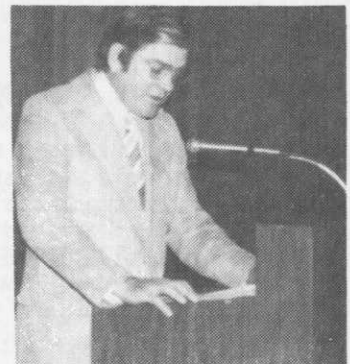
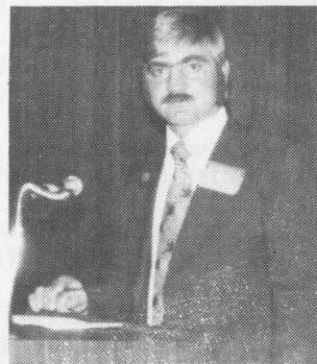
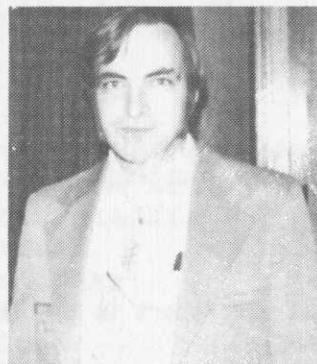
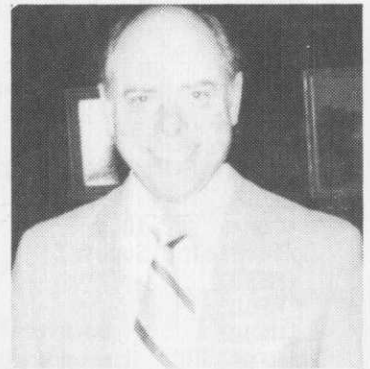
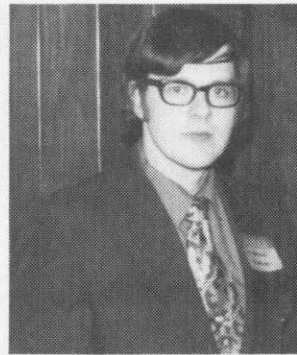
- A) This plot was a newly seeded area and no disease developed.
- B) Snow mold was very irregular and many plots may reflect lack of disease.
- C) No treatment applied.
- D) Material arrived after plot was established.
- E) Material applied two weeks after plot established.

(This is the Chart in connection with Dr. Stienstra's Report in the December Issue)





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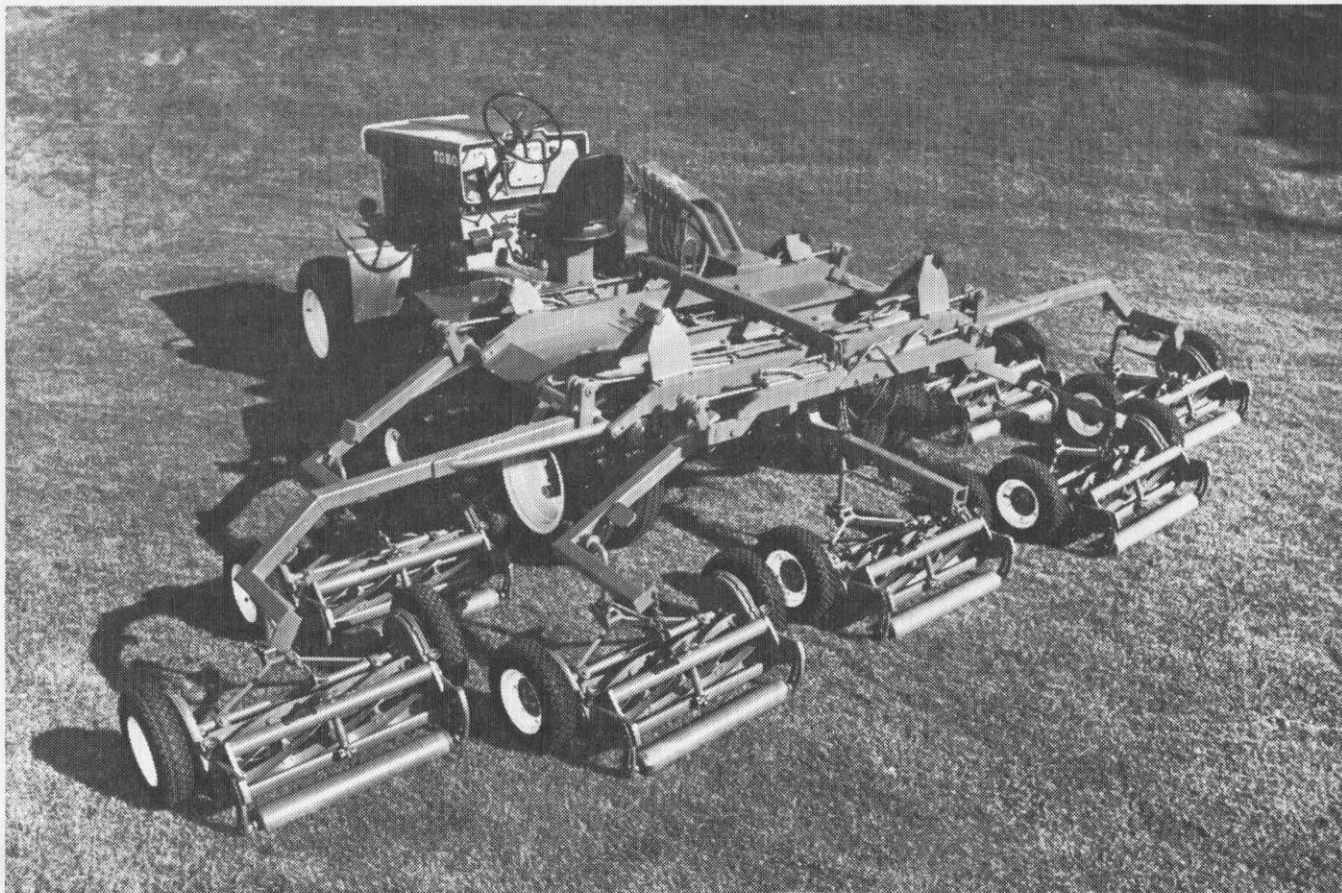
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**PARKMASTER 9—DIESEL ENGINE—MODEL 33699**

**ENGINE:** GASOLINE—Chevrolet, 6 cylinder—250 CID 8.5:1 compression ratio. Crankshaft and connecting rods—drop forged steel, heat treated. Battery 12 volt. Oiling system—full pressure 20-30 lbs. per sq. inch driven by gear type pump. Oil capacity—5 qts. in crankcase plus 1 qt. in the oil filter. Oil filter—replaceable element. Air cleaner—dry element. A front pulley is mounted with extra belt grooves for power steering. Horsepower: 107 at 2400 RPM.  
**DIESEL**—Perkins, 4 cylinder overhead valve, direct injection; 235.9 CID—16:1 compression ratio. Crankshaft and connecting rods—drop forged, heat treated. Battery—12 volt. Full pressure oil lubrication system, replaceable element oil filter. Dry type air cleaner with replaceable cartridge. Front pulley driven power steering pump. Horsepower: 78 BHP at 2500 RPM.

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**OVERALL WIDTH, TRANSPORT POSITION:** 96", Spartan mowers with rubber tires. 92", Spartan mowers with steel wheels.

**OVERALL LENGTH, TRACTOR & FRAME:** 14'7" in cutting position.

**OVERALL HEIGHT, TRANSPORT POSITION:** To 7'7" depending on frame.

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The carts were stored for the night with battery chargers attached. At about 10 p.m. on Thursday, October 24 the carts were checked and found OK. When they were checked again about 7:30 a.m., Friday the 25th, when the crew came on duty, the damage was discovered. Many of the carts were strewn about the course in a damaged

condition caused by their being used in some kind of a game such as "chicken," "pole," or some other type that would cause excessive damage by running them into each other. Six of the carts were missing from the storage shed and four found out at various places on the course and two found in Lake Hiawatha. The six that remained in the storage shed were badly damaged by other carts running into them.

No suspects have been apprehended, but it was no doubt the work of people with a warped idea of what is fun.

There must be something done to combat this kind of work. Maybe the manufacturers should work on some plan whereby the carts could be locked so that the wheels would not turn or some other plan so that the carts could not be moved even though the motor could be started. If anyone has any idea how to help stop this kind of vandalism, please let us know.

On Page 7 there is a chart prepared by Dr. Ward Steinstra, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist Turf Pathology, University of Minnesota, which was presented with his article on "Evaluation of Snow Mold Fungicides - 1974" which was carried in the December issue of "Hole Notes" and because of lack of space we were unable to print in the December issue; however, we did make a little note that this chart which shows Materials, Dosages and Locations Tested, Treatment Rate/T, Average Percent Disease at Locations of all Test Plots except Alexandria would be carried in the January issue. The test plots on which the chart is based are provided as a part of the MGCSA Research Program.

Mr. Gerry Commers of the Cushman Motor Company recently made a very generous contribution to the Research Program. It is through these contributions that the MGCSA is able to sponsor this program. The MGCSA is very grateful to Mr. Commers for this contribution and support of the Research Program.

IMPORTANT

Gordy Miller of the R. L. Gould Company has just given me some important information and clarification regarding the arrangement for the trip to the GCSAA Conference in New Orleans.

There is available arrangements for air fare only. This is \$150.00 per person, leaving our airport Sunday, February 16. Purchasers of this air fare only plan may return anytime within 30 days. However, return reservations must be made at time the ticket is purchased for the going trip. Another feature is that the return reservation may be changed in New Orleans if the ticket holder wishes to change their return date.

Then there is the \$200.00 package deal which includes roundtrip air fare and three nights in the Motel, transportation from the airport to the Motel, a Boat Trip (date open) probably Monday morning. Persons wishing to stay beyond the three nights may do so. There is no limit as to how long you can stay in the Motel. The return reservation arrangements for the \$200.00 package deal are the same as they are for the \$150.00 air fare only group. The rate beyond the three nights is \$26.00 per couple per night.

There is a tentative trip planned to Biloxi. This depends on the interest shown and if a date can be arranged to satisfy everyone's wishes.

It is imperative (if you have not already made your reservation) that you do so at once, either on the form provided you or by phone with Gordy Miller, the number is (612) 484-8411.