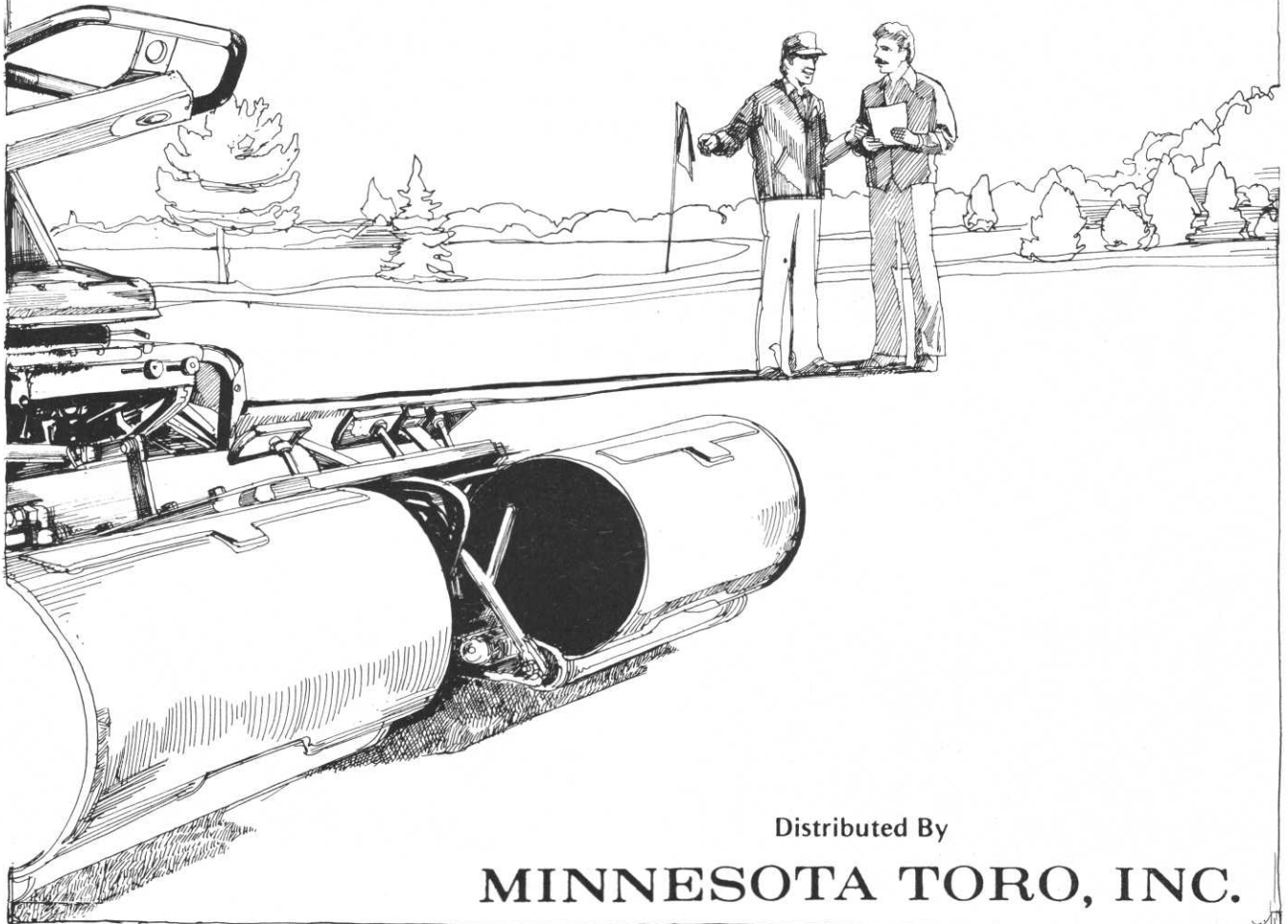


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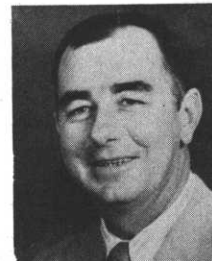
Wyllie has taken the turf management course at the University of Guelph, Ontario. He also attended

Runnymede Collegiate.

Wyllie, a 17-year member of GCSAA, has served as president of both the Canadian and Ontario GCSAs. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation.

In his community, Wyllie is convenor and coach of the Brampton Minor Hockey Association and past chairman of the Brampton Cubs and Scouts.

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# RESEARCH PROGRAM

I am happy to report that the response to our mailing soliciting funds for the Research Program has been excellent. The enclosed suggested invoice was very helpful as guidelines for the club. Our thanks to both the superintendents and the clubs for their contributions so far to this very important program. The fund balance is now over two thousand dollars and it looks like we may be able to start a summer chemical replacement research study. All superintendents who haven't heard from club officials in regard to the invoice should try to make contact in the near future. Only you know the proper time and place to bring up the subject. We hope you will be successful. If all goes well, we hope to present a tentative summer program to the membership at our meetings in either April or May.

George Ostler, Research Chairman

## DELINQUENT DUES NOTICE

All members of the M.G.C.S.A. have been billed twice for their annual dues. However, not all have responded. For those members, we call your attention to the following section of the bylaws: "The right to membership shall cease after dues are delinquent for ninety days after the due date which in every case shall be the first day of January. The Secretary shall inform delinquent members that they are delinquent thirty days after delinquency begins and again sixty days after delinquency begins. At the end of ninety days if said delinquent member has not yet paid his dues, the Secretary shall drop the individual from membership."

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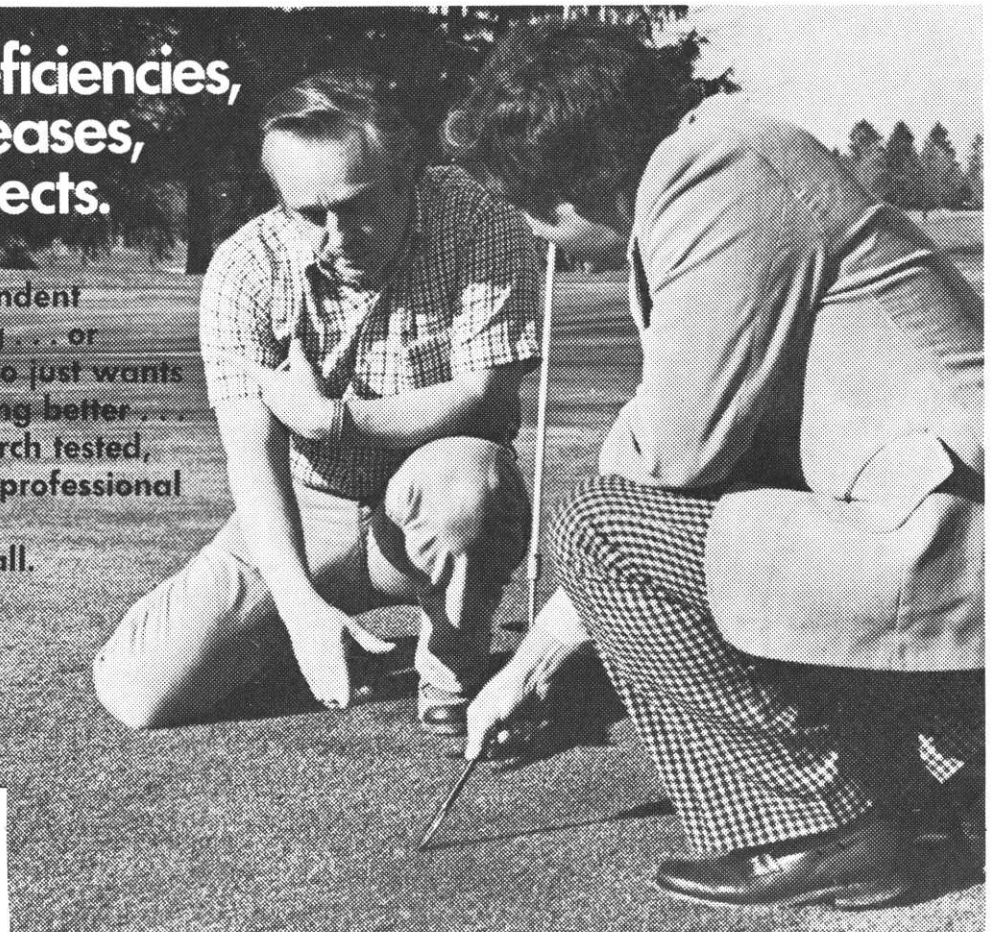
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According to information from the Internal Revenue Service, recent legislation has brought about several changes in tax law which may affect tax returns filed by golf course superintendents. You should be aware of these changes and begin now to gather the information you will need to file your return next year.

If you move because of your job, a maximum deduction of \$1,500 may be allowed for pre-move expenses such as the cost of house hunting and temporary housing. This is up from \$1,000 last year. You may also claim some job-related moving expenses if you moved more than fifty miles (up from 35 miles last year). Check Publication 521, "Tax Information on Moving Expenses".

If you are a worker under 70 1/2 and did not participate in any other pension plan or annuity plan during the year, you may include your spouse in your Individual Retirement Arrangement, if your spouse is not working. If you established an IRA for you and your spouse, you may contribute a total of 15% of your compensation to a maximum of \$1,750.

The advantage of an IRA is that taxes are not paid on the funds in the account until the funds are withdrawn, when you will probably be in a lower tax bracket. An IRA plan is available to GCSAA members through GCSAA. IRS Publication 590, "Tax Information on Individual Retirement Savings Programs," contains more facts.

Alimony payments are now an adjustment to income instead of a deduction. This means you may be able to claim the amount spent on alimony without itemizing.

If you make child support payments, you must pay at least \$1,200 per child to claim the child as a deduction. In the past, you had to contribute \$1,200 for the support of one or more children in order to claim them as deductions. This is assuming that the tax exemption was not allocated in the divorce decree and that you are the noncustodial parent. Up to 20% of child care cost, to a maximum of \$400 for one child and \$800 for two or more children, may be claimed as a tax credit, if the child care expense was work-related.

Your local IRS office has these free publications and others about your taxes.

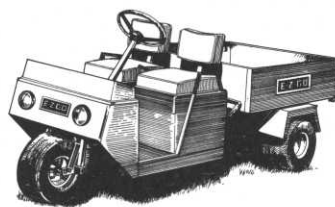
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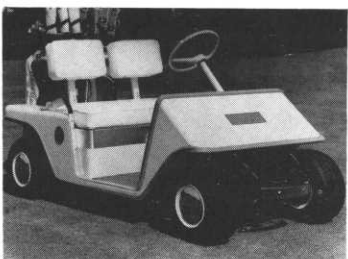
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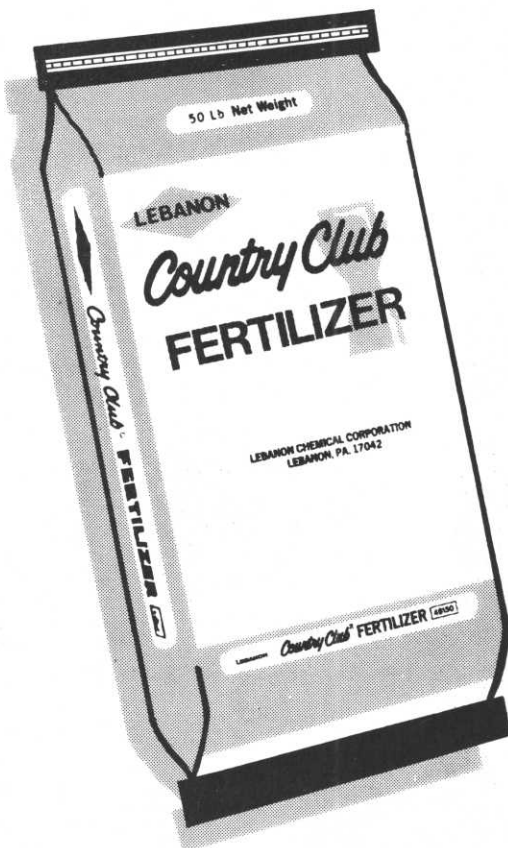
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# 1978 MEETING SCHEDULE

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- Tuesday, March 21: Hillcrest Country Club, St. Paul  
George Ostler, host. Spring Mini-Seminar.  
Educational Program at 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
at 5:15 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Watch for special mailing  
with full details.
- April: Open  
May: Forest Hills Golf Club, Forest Lake, Carl Johnston, host.  
June: Austin Country Club, Austin, Leif Erickson, host.  
July: Annual Picnic - Open  
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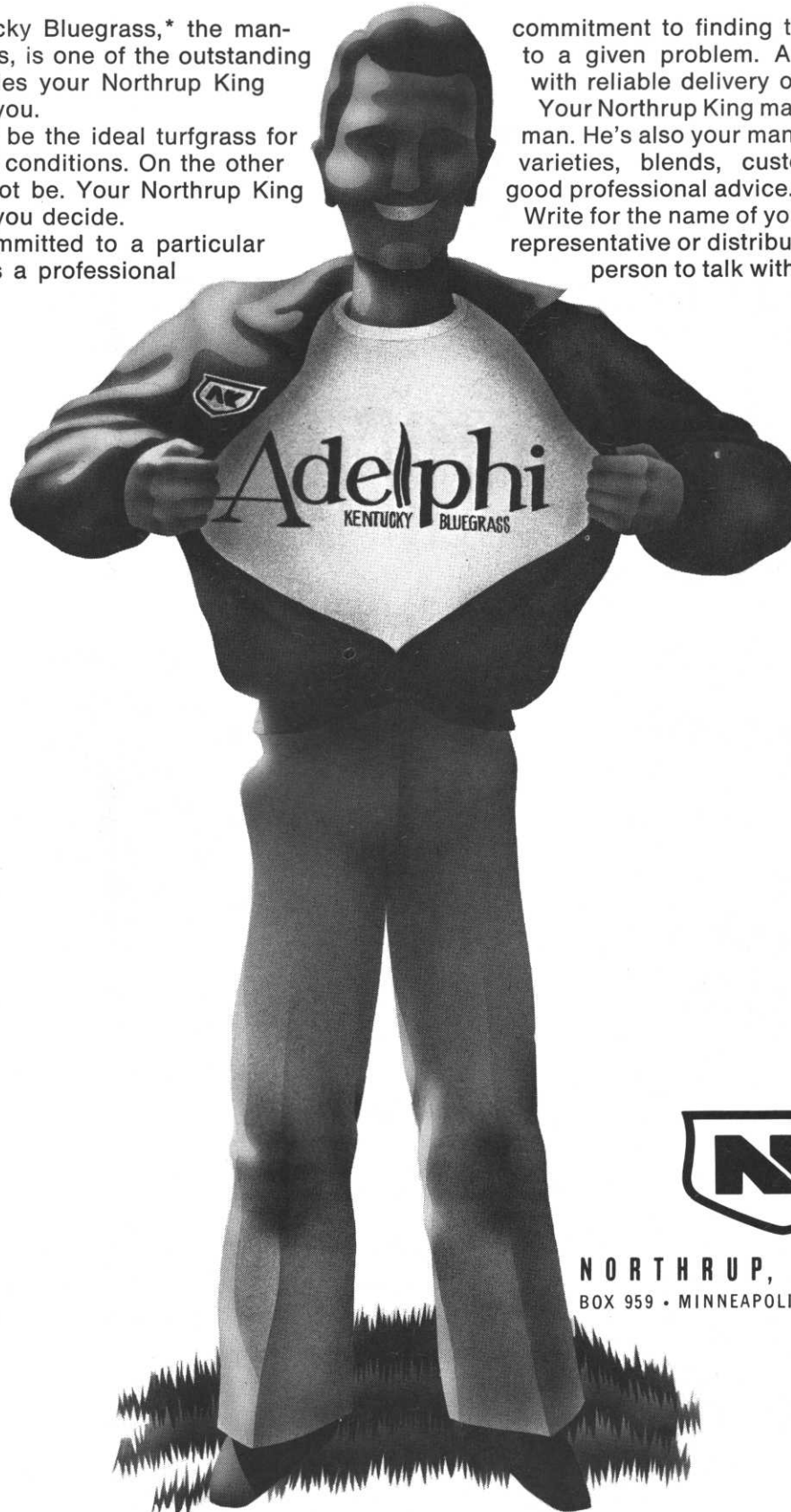
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# NATIONAL MEETING NEWS

Fifty-three people from Minnesota, including in many cases wives and children, swept into San Antonio to attend the National Conference of the Golf Course Superintendents' of America. While the weather was not what it usually is the attendants were not without interesting activities in addition to the conference and equipment show. The Alamo and the Space Needle rated the most attention, closely followed by the Old Spanish Market, the unique canal and river park and for the men, the North Star Brewery tours. Meanwhile, the Minnesota Golf Team, over in Corpus Christi, placed seventh in the nation. The team, comprised of Jim Lindblad, Leif Erickson, Bill Johnson, Carl Anderson and Dean Sime, learned what wind and cold were all about! Leif Erickson's 76 was the team low score while Bill Johnson and Carl Anderson won trophies for closest to the pin during the tournament. All in all a fine showing for our "out of practice" players.

Back at the conference, former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz gave the best keynote speech in years. Total attendance reached 5,494 of which 1,403 were national members. The equipment show expanded to over 130,000 square feet and took two days to see properly. The banquet was attended by over 1,000 people and was truly a gala affair. Everyone was glad to see Executive Director Connie Scheetz back on his feet and well on the road to recovery. The Minnesota caucus attracted twenty-eight people who cared enough to take time off from a busy schedule to share their thoughts on the needs of the association and the industry. M.G.C.S.A. would like to express appreciation to R. L. Gould, Minnesota Toro, Turf Supply Co. and Northrup King for their hospitality at the National Conference. On to Atlanta in 1979!

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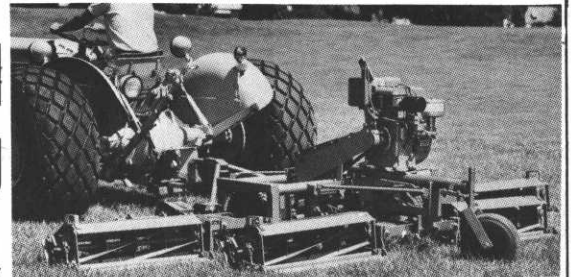
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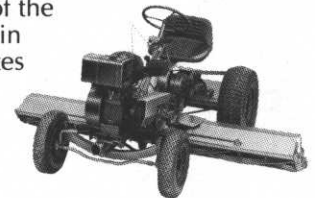
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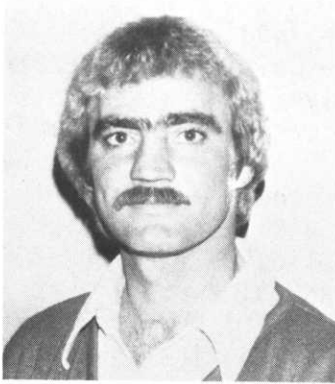
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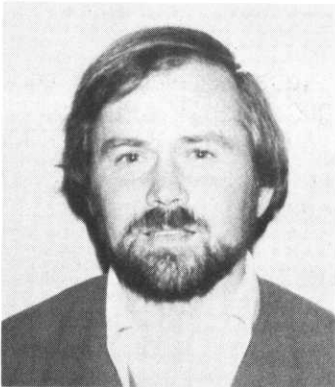
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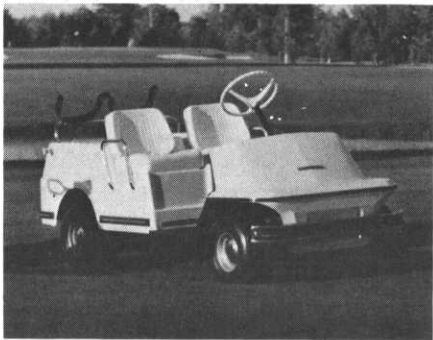
# MEET YOUR SUPERINTENDENTS !



DICK DeSPLINTER is presently in his seventh year as golf course superintendent and manager of the Village Golf of New Hope. Before starting at New Hope, Dick earned a degree from the University of Minnesota where he focused on both agronomy and business courses. He also put in one year at the Brookview Golf Course before starting his present position. He is currently serving his second term on the Board of M.G.C.S.A., having been elected Treasurer at this year's Annual Meeting. Not bad for a guy who only joined the association in 1972. When not at the golf course, Dick really enjoys hunting which might explain why he and his wife, Candy, share their household with three dogs.



JOHN NYLUND is one of the young lions of M.G.C.S.A. Since joining the Association in 1973, John has served on several different committees as well as rarely missing a golf outing, meeting or dinner. It is this type of enthusiasm and participation that really makes M.G.C.S.A. a great organization. John started at the Braemar Golf Club in 1963 and worked part time until 1969 when he was named superintendent. Quite an accomplishment to be associated with one course for fifteen years at John's early age. His hobbies include anything to do with the outdoors, with golf, hockey and boating his favorites. He doesn't mind returning indoors, either, where his wife, Lesley, and daughter, Jennifer, one and one-half years old, are always waiting.



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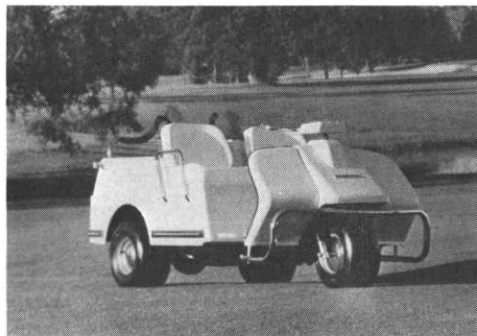
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