



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY STEVE YOUNG

NEW NAME TAGS AVAILABLE. The Association has changed to a smaller tag. The new name tags are three inches long and one inch wide with white letters on a green background. There will be only two lines on the name tag with the member's name on the top line and his club's name on the bottom line. For those members who would like a new name tag, please contact Steve Young at 612/473-4114 or write to Steve at Baker Park Golf Course, P.O. Box 296, Maple Plain, Minnesota. The cost of the name tag is \$2.00.

The following member classification changes were approved by the Board at the April Meeting:

- Bob Nulph, Eau Claire C.C., Class BI to Class A
- Mike Kasner, Wapicada C.C., Sauk Rapids, Class BII to Class B
- Dan DeMars, Dellwood Hills Golf Club, Class BII to Class A
- Cal Schmidt, Brookview Golf Club, Class BII to Class A
- John Steiner, White Bear Lake Yacht Club, Class BII to Class B

The M.G.C.S.A. extends a hearty welcome to the following new members:

- Dick Traver, Manager, Glencoe C.C., Class II
- Rick Smith, Assistant Supt., LeSueur Country Club, Class BII
- John Ganske, Superintendent, Spooner Golf Club, Class BII
- Robert Weston, General Mgr. & Supt., Mille Lacs C.C., Class A
- Tom Haberman, Minnesota Toro, Class F
- Kurt Schwartau, Diamond Shamrock, Class F
- Dean Holasek, Aqua Engineering, Class F
- Ray Gausman, Eko Backen Golf & Tubing, Class F.

Thanks to Jim Lindblad for handling the membership duties at the April meeting.

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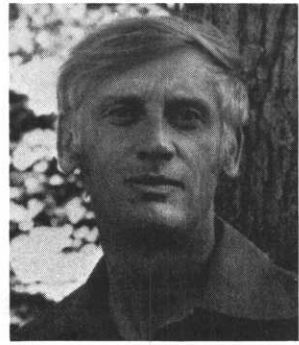
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SECRETARY'S UPDATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 14, 1980

- 1) GOLF BUSINESS requested our membership list so they can reach more people with their free subscription.
- 2) Verbal communication from Kent Kromer offering his services whenever needed.
- 3) Verbal communication from John Egeberg offering to help the association.
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Checkbook Balance \$3,658.08. Research Balance \$2,706.24.
- 5) Membership Committee Report: See complete report on Page 11.
- 6) The following reclassifications were approved: Mike Kasner, Wapicada Golf Club, to Class B; Calvin Schmidt, Brookview Golf Club, to Class A; John Steiner, White Bear Yacht Club, to Class B; Bob Nulph, Eau Claire Country Club, to Class A; Dan DeMars, Dellwood Hills Golf Club, to Class A.
- 7) A letter with research fund raising data and a letter on winter ice damage to greens and fairways by Dr. White will be sent to all superintendents.
- 8) The board went over the list of delinquent members.

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This can be especially effective when overseeding ryegrass into existing turf to repair thin or damaged areas from the previous golfing season.

In closing I would like to say that I am not recommending the use of perennial ryegrass for every tee on every golf course. I am offering you a species of grass to consider in your decision making process the next time you are faced with such a situation. The ryegrasses, as stated in this article, have a number of positive qualities which may make life easier for you as a turf manager.

FRINGE BENEFITS ADVANTAGES

Fringe benefits are an important part of employee compensation, but in the last few years they have come to be taken for granted. Most employees assume that they work for their weekly or monthly take-home pay and that fringe benefits, such as health, accident and hospitalization insurance, are thrown in as an afterthought.

In today's highly competitive labor market, a good fringe benefit package is an excellent way for an employer to attract and retain key personnel. These benefits are an important part of an employee's compensation and employers should make sure their workers know exactly what their fringe benefits are worth to both parties.

Fringe benefits carry a double advantage. They increase an employee's real income because he does not have to pay taxes on them. And the employer's net cost is less than the boost in salary that would be required to cover them. This is almost always the case when benefits are tax deductible and may be true even in the absence of deductions.

For example, consider these figures quoted in the Wholesale Nursery Growers of America newsletter. If an employee in the 38 percent tax bracket is given benefits worth \$500, he would have to receive a before taxes salary increase of \$715 to have \$500 remaining to purchase these services. If his employer is in the 48 percent tax bracket, it would cost him \$372 to provide such a salary increase, but only \$260 for the fringe benefits.

Unfortunately, many employees do not appreciate this added income because they have never been told exactly what it is worth to them. Seldom do people in the job market consider the relative merits of each prospective employer's fringe benefit package.

When you conduct job interviews, make sure the prospective employee knows that you offer an attractive benefits package and be sure to explain it to him in detail soon after he is hired. Some employers use a form which brings together all actual earnings and benefits so their employees can see exactly how much they are being paid.

WHY ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

Accidents are generally thought to be a result of bad luck or an act of God. However, an unsafe act, a hazardous condition or some combination of the two must occur before an accident can happen. Of these two conditions, unsafe acts or work practices are a contributing factor in 90 percent of all accidents. Here are some of the factors which can cause workers to commit errors leading to accidents: LACK OF PROPER TRAINING can be a major cause of accidents. IGNORANCE OF A HAZARDOUS CONDITION can result from lack of experience or poor communications. INDIFFERENCE OR LAZINESS resulting from fatigue, a poor relationship with the boss or a lack of motivation can make an employee take an unsafe short cut. BAD EXAMPLES set by other workers can be imitated by less experienced employees. UNDUE HASTE caused by supervisory pressure, an overloaded schedule or a desire to complete an unpleasant task quickly can make workers bypass important safety steps or processes. Reprint FORE FRONT

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