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The kindergarten lad rushed home from school and insisted his mother buy him a set of pistols, holsters and gun belt.

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"Yes, I do," he replied. "My teacher said that tomorrow she's going to teach us to draw."



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DENNIS HENDRICKSON

It is my privilege to serve as President of this organization. I feel very honored to have been selected. I am very proud to be a member of the M.G.C.S.A. It is my hope that I will be able to serve this organization in such a way as to improve the image of the golf course superintendent in the eyes of the golfing public and to make this association even better. I plan to continue the many things that President Dick DeSplinter initiated last year and to initiate a few new programs which have been discussed by the Board of Directors.

I feel education is the key. There are many ways available to the members of the M.G.C.S.A. if we choose to educate ourselves further. One, of course, is the HOLE NOTES. We should all make it a point to read it and to contribute to it.

We can all learn from our peers at our monthly meetings. By the way, the next meeting will be our January outing which will be January 12, 1981 at Izaty's Lodge on Lake Mille Lacs. Jerry Dubbs and Wally Benson will be our hosts. This has become an enjoyable annual trip. By conversing with so many of our friends who have our same problems, we become aware of many ways of attacking them to find solutions. We should all make an attempt to meet new people at our meetings. The first step could be made by wearing our name tags which make it easier to approach someone to learn about him.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself. I am presently the superintendent of the Honeywell Country Club in Lakeville, Minnesota. I grew up on a farm near Paynesville, Minnesota. While attending high school my biology continued on Page 3

teacher, now Pastor DelRoy Johnson who spoke at our 1980 prayer breakfast, was the superintendent of the Koronis Hills Golf Club. I worked for him one summer after which he accepted a position teaching at a university in Iowa. He asked me to be his replacement at Koronis Hills. I served as superintendent there for four summers while attending Augsburg College, Minneapolis where I graduated in 1971 with a B.A. degree, majoring in biology, minoring in chemistry. After graduation I worked for Northrup King for ten months in Waterville and at the Eden Prairie Research Firm. I missed golf course work and then decided to try to get on a course in the metro area. I happened into Rolling Green Country Club one afternoon where I first met Jim Lindblad, then the superintendent there. He directed me to Dave Feser who was looking for an assistant at the Honeywell Country Club. I was interviewed and got the job. That summer I enrolled in a night course at the University of Minnesota in turf management, taught by Dr. White. Dave Feser left that fall for the Fiji Islands to build a golf course. I was interviewed for his job and was hired. In 1976 I became involved with the certification program offered by the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America and became certified. I have been married for seven years to my wife, Sally. This past September we had our first child, Justin. We live in Burnsville, Minnesota.

We can also learn through research. Each one of us should support the expanding research program of the M.G.C.S.A. This year will be very interesting as Dr. Taylor continues his work in sand topdressing with help from Dr. White and Dr. Blake and as Dr. Stienstra explores an intriguing turf disease which we heard about at our Annual Conference. He will also be working with other diseases and fertilizer studies.

The Annual Conferences offered by the M.G.C.S.A. and the G.C.S.A.A. are very important if we are to keep up with current information available to the turfgrass industry. This year's M.G.C.S.A. Conference was a huge success. A special thank you goes to Don Lindblad and his committee and to all those who participated. Plans are already under way for next year's conference. We are going to try our best to have a CPR class in conjunction with the conference. The superintendent is most likely to be the first employee at the club to be contacted if a golfer has a heart attack so this class could save lives. This year the G.C.S.A.A. Conference will be held in Anaheim, California, January 25-30, 1981. It has all the indication of being the biggest and best ever. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to welcome all the new directors to the Board. They are Irwin Fuller, Jr., Dale Caldwell, Nathan Dunn and Kerry Glader. I would also like to wish Jim Lindblad good luck as he runs for a directorship of the G.C.S.A.A. It looks like it will be an interesting year to belong to the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association. I hope I can get to meet each and every member and to be of service to you this year.

NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS



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TURF CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



INSPIRATION. Pastor Del Roy Johnson, left, conducted the prayer meeting before the conference with the help of Craig Mather at the piano.



STRESS EXPERT. Jim Nicol, left, introduced Dr. John P. McNamara who spoke on burn out. Not grass, but mental!



RESEARCH PROGRAM. Dr. Ward Stienstra reported on the ongoing M.G.C.S.A. Research Program that now covers both summer and winter projects.



SKILLED SPEAKERS. George Schmitt, left, spoke on Relating Skills and Carl Schwartzkopf reported on new U.S.G.A. Green Section programs.



SOME PLAY. A Scandinavian Christmas theme party was a fitting and fun way to wind up the successful conference.



HANDSOME EMCEE. Larry Vetter handled the introductions at the banquet in grand style. New President and Mrs. Hendrickson are on the right.

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<u>Talk it out</u>. Sharing the burden will help relieve the strain. It may also clarify the problem and let you see a solution.

Get out of town. A change of scenery can often work wonders, even if it's only for a day or a weekend.

Do something for others. It will take your mind off your own problems or at least, let you see them in perspective.

Work it off. Chop some wood. Go for a brisk walk or a run. Hard physical work gives your mind a rest.

Don't try to be a superman. If you set your sights too high, you're bound to be frustrated. Take your goals one at a time.

Give in, occasionally. Even when you know you're right, sometimes it's easier to yield. It's better to bend than to break.

Tackle one task at a time. If you try to do several things at once, you may not do any of them right.

Don't withdraw. That usually just compounds the problem.

Schedule your recreation. Set a routine for relaxation and follow it, expecially if you tend to drive yourself.

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CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR GCSAA ELECTION

The Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America will elect a new President, Vice-President and two Directors in its annual membership meeting Jan. 27 in Anaheim, California.

Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, superintendent of Inverness Golf Club, Palatine, Ill. since 1969 and current GCSAA vice-president, has been nominated for the office of President. Bavier, a GCSAA member for 15 years, has served on the association's Board of Directors since 1977. The outgoing President, Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS, superintendent of Piping Rock Club, Long Island, N.Y., will serve on the board for an additional year.

Candidates for Vice-President are David C. Holler, CGCS, superintendent of Riviera C.C., Coral Gables, Fla., and James A. Wyllie, CGCS, superintendent of Bayview Country Club, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada. Holler, a GCSAA member for 15 years, was elected a Director in 1976. Wyllie, who currently is Secretary-Treasurer of the association, has been a member for 20 years, serving as a Director since 1977.

Four candidates have been nominated to fill two three-year terms on the association's Board of Directors. They are Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, superintendent of the Birmingham (Ala.) C.C.; Riley Lee Stottern, CGCS, superintendent of Jeremy Ranch C.C., Salt Lake City, Utah; Cary L. Tegtmeyer, CGCS, superintendent of Topeka (Kan.) C.C., and Robert R. Wilson, superintendent of Oak Hill Country Club, San Antonio, Texas.

We have it on good authority that Jim Lindblad of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association will be nominated from the floor, making it at least a five man race for the two directorships.

GCSAA members also will vote on changes in the association's bylaws regarding terms of directors and their eligibility for re-election. The annual membership meeting and election is part of the association's 52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show January 25-30 in Anaheim. Continuing on the board will be Directors Paul Boizelle, CGCS, Fiddlers Elbow C.C., Far Hills, N.J.; Edward Dembnicki, CGCS, Arcadian Shores G.C., Myrtle Beach S.C.; Robert W. Osterman, CGCS, The Connecticut Golf Club, Easton, Conn., and James W. Timmerman, CGCS, Orchard Lake (Mich.) Country Club.

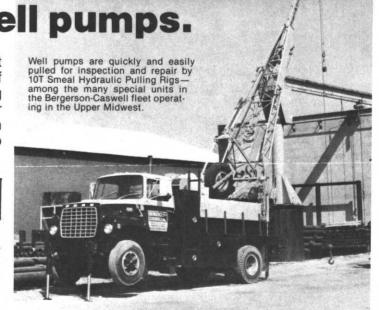
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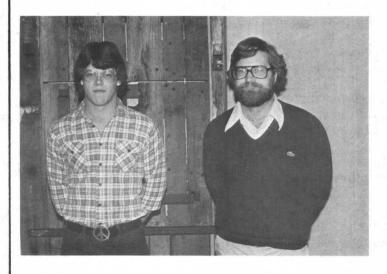
Hi, Fellow Members or Members To Be!

I am the chairman of the Membership Committee for 1981. If I can help anyone with becoming a new member, in reclassification or obtaining a new name tag, please feel free to call or write anytime. My number at work is 612/451-1666 or at home is 612/455-4821. My mailing address is: Roger Kisch, Southview Country Club, 239 East Mendota Road, West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118.

The following classification changes were approved at the December 16 Board meeting: TOM WATSON, Marshall Country Club, BII to B; CHARLES TILLMAN, Hudson, Wisconsin, A to AA; KURT JOHNSON, Crow Greens G.C., C to BII.

The M.G.C.S.A. extends a hearty welcome to the following new members voted in at our Annual Conference: DAN STANGL, Cuyuna Country Club, Class A; JEFF ELSETH, Loon Lake Golf Club, Class B; SCOTT PATTERSON, Peterson Seed, Class F; and DON MERSCHMAN, Long Lake Ford & Tractor, Class F. Also the new members pictured below: Left, JIM STILES, Anoka Landscape Center, Class C and KEITH GREENINGER, Wayzata Country Club, Class BII. Right, back row, left to right, CHARLES BLAKE, Souris Valley Golf Club, Class A; RICHARD ODDEN, Pebble Lake Golf Club, Class B; DOUG HOMOLKA, Anoka Landscape Career Center, Class C; BARRY JOHNSON, Ferndale Country Club, Class B; JOHN GRANHOLT, Eau Claire Country Club, Class BII; BOB SHIELDS, Lake Miltona Golf Club, Class A. Front row, left to right, ROBERT DEAMS, Maple Hills Golf Club, Class B; KIM KVAMME, Anoka Landscape Career Center, Class C; JEFF CHURCHILL, Anoka Landscape Career Center, Class C; and GREG SPENCER, Anoka Landscape Career Center, Class C.

Again, a hearty welcome to all our new members. May we see you often at our monthly meetings.





THREE TO RECEIVE GCSAA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Three Distinguished Service Awards, one of them posthumous, will be presented during the opening session of the 52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America January 25-30 in Anaheim, Calif. The Distinguished Service Award which recognizes outstanding service to the golf course superintendent's profession is the highest honor GCSAA bestows upon an individual.

The posthumous award will go to the late Hans C. Schmeisser, superintendent of Forest Hill Golf Club, West Palm Beach, Fla., until his death Oct. 26 at the age of 88. Golf course architect Geoffrey S. Cornish and Dr. Ralph E. Engel, research professor in turfgrass management at Rutgers University, will receive the other two awards. Cornish, a Canadian golf course architect who was trained under Stanley Thompson, is responsible for the design of many of New England's best known golf courses. A former president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Cornish holds degrees from the University of British Columbia and the University of Massachusetts. From 1947 to 1952 he taught at the University of Massachusetts and since 1966 has been a special lecturer there. Cornish who also is an honorary member of the British golf course architects' association has planned more than 170 courses in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

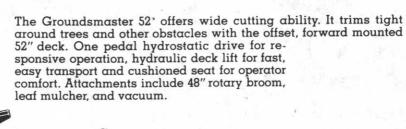
Engel, research professor of turf management at Rutgers for more than 33 years also will receive a Distinguished Service Award. Engel's research interests have been varied, including moisture stress, cultivation practices, turf-type ryegrasses, preemergent crabgrass and goosegrass herbicides, goosegrass germination temperatures and seeding habits, zoysia tolerance to triazine herbicides, annual bluegrass enroachment into bentgrass and dormant fertilization. Engel, a member of GCSAA's Educational Advisory Council, has conducted a number of GCSAA educational programs and seminars including presentations at 12 GCSAA International Turfgrass Conferences. He also has served as administrative advisor and instructor of turf management courses in the Rutgers Winter Turf Program. He served on the Silvex Assessment Team for the U.S. Dept. Agriculture and has been a leading influence in the trend to low rates of nitrogen for reducing bentgrass failure. He also is a proponent of cultivation and topdressing as a means of reducing thatch and has recommended low phosphorus for annual bluegrass suppression in bentgrass turf. More than 100 superintendents in the New York-New Jersey area and nine university turf specialists have studied under Engel. A fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, he has written extensively on turf-related problems and research.

Schmeisser, born and educated in Germany, came to the U.S. in the 1920's to develop the landscaping at Everglades City, Fla. He designed and built his first course which was one of the first golfing facilities in Florida. He was instrumental in establishing the first association of golf course superintendents in Florida, was one of the nation's leading golf course superintendents and designers and was involved in the design and building or reconstruction of more than 30 golf courses, most of them in Florida. He was the first to plant Australian Pines and Malalucca trees on the Florida west coast and was one of the first to experiement with the pesticide 2, 4-D, six years before the chemical was commercially available. He was the father of Otto Schmeisser, superintendent of the Everglades Club, Palm Beach and John Schmeisser, an associate of golf course architect Robert Trent Jones. Schmeisser was active in GCSAA affairs, served as president of both the Florida Turf Grass Association and the South Florida GCSAA and taught turfgrass management at Palm Beach Junior College. He also was a member of the Palm Beach Country Horticulture Board and the Palm Beach GCSA.

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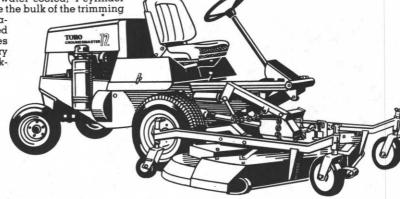


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