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RE: MAILINGS - THE ONUS IS ON YOU to tell the office of any changes of address. If any Golf Superintendent is not receiving his mail, or knows of someone who is having problems with his mail, please advise the office at 633-1591, or write us at the above address.

MEETING NOTICE

*** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1972 ***

at

ROSEDALE GOLF CLUB

HOST: JOHN GRIGHTMIRE

John Grightmire is completing his third season as Superintendent at Rosedale Golf Club. He served nine years as Golf Superintendent at Beverley Golf Club and previous to that thirteen years at Dundas Valley working for his father Fred who is well known to all of us.

John will answer any questions pertaining to his operation after the golf game. He has been following up a chemical programme for the control of Poa Annua which was initiated by Dave Moote.

PROGRAMME:
9 - 10 a. m. Golf
2 p. m. Meeting
Topic: Contruction
Colour Slides
4 p. m. Refreshments

REMINDER: All members are requested to wear ties and jackets at the meeting.

MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 10th, 1972 - Rosedale Golf Club
Tuesday, November 7th, 1972 - Summit Golf Club
Tuesday, December 5th, 1972 - Aurora Highlands Golf Club
Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 4th, 1973 - Symposium
Northwood Country Club

Dave Gourlay and Cameron Cairncross will be the official delegates of Ontario Golf Superintendents Association at the G.C.S.A.A. Conference in Boston, Mass., January 1973.

Gord Witteveen has been nominated to run for Director of the G. C. S. A. A.

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

An era is drawing to a close with the passing of Bill Forrester on July 21st and his old friend Jack Abbott who preceded Bill by a few months when he passed on to greener pastures in March, 1972.

Bill Forrester was the respected Golf Superintendent at Weston for close to 30 years. He was an active member of the O.G.S.A. and was secretary for many years. I personally remember Bill Forrester as a helpful neighbour in my early years at St. George's. His spontaneous response to my problems somehow made the job easier.

Jack Abbott, former Superintendent at Islington and Rosedale, I had the pleasure of meeting only on one occasion in 1963 during the O'Keefe tournament at St. George's when he strongly urged me to join the O.G.S.A.

- Louis Cole completes 50 years service at Burlington Golf Club.

- Norm MacDonald retires from York Downs at the age of 76.

- Bill Bluett recently retired from Mississauga Golf Club.

As I am comparatively new to the O.G.S.A., I am not qualified to deal at length with the above impressive group of men -- there is no question that they helped considerably in the forming and growth of the O.G.S.A. and there were others whom I have never met, deserving of mention.

The point of this message is: --

The Ontario Golf Association celebrates their 50th Anniversary next May 4th, 1973 when they propose to especially honour Canadians and former Canadians because of their genuine and outstanding contribution to the game of golf in Ontario.

This is the opportunity for us to make our recommendations. May we have your suggestions and ideas at the next meeting?

Wm. Hynd.

H I G H L I G H T S O F Greens Chairman/Superintendent
and
Pro/Superintendent Golf Tournaments

This year the Greens Chairman/Superintendent Golf Tournament was held at Brantford Golf & Country Club, July 21, 1972. It turned out to be a great success and many thanks to our host Vince Piccolo and Brantford Golf & Country Club. The weather cooperated beautifully, as it was a sizzling day in the upper 80's. The golf course was in fine shape as the scores indicated. The winners of this year's tournament, from Georgetown Golf and Country Club were Superintendent Bob Hall and his Greens Chairman John Armour. For winning, they received a beautiful golf bag for Bob and a great Toro rotary mower for John Armour, his Greens Chairman. The entry from Summit Golf and Country Club was second, Superintendent Bob Lamb and his Greens Chairman H. Davie. To the Associate members who cooperated with us in donating prizes and monetary donations, go many, many thanks for their support of this fine tournament. Without their support, it would be quite a financial strain.

On August 25th at Islington Golf and Country Club, the Pro/Superintendent Golf Tournament was held with Paul Dermott as host Superintendent and Jim McKitterick as host professional. Even though we had a torrent of a rain the night before, the course proved to be a great compliment for Paul as it was in fine shape. We had a terrific dinner of barbecued steak and all the trimmings. A field of 39 teams from across Ontario enjoyed a day of fine fellowship and fun, and to top it all off at the end of the tournament, a tie for the lead had to be broken by a playoff. Whitey Jones and Bruce Butterworth from Aurora Highlands beat Bobby Breen and Tony Wozniak, from Malton, when "'good ole' Whitey" birdied the second hole. Many thanks to the professionals and their organization for the effort and cooperation they gave in helping to organize this event and of course to our hosts, Paul and Jim and Islington Golf and Country Club.

"SYMPOSIUM '73"

On January 4th, 1973 our Annual Symposium will again be held at Northwood Golf and Country Club with Gord Witteveen as our host. In the past, this Symposium has proven to be most interesting, enlightening and informative mostly because of the frankness of the various papers and materials, which are presented.

I am sure we can count on Dr. Jack Eggens to be our very capable and congenial master of ceremonies again this year. Final details for this event will be worked out very shortly and just as soon as the programme is finalized, we will let you know.

Just a word here to those people who might be receiving an invitation in the near future to be speakers on the programme. Don't hesitate! Accept it! Meet the challenge head on. I think you will be pleasantly surprised in yourself.....