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As most of you remember, October 25th, we had a beautiful party at Shuss Mountain Village, Mancelona, where we had 76 persons attending. It was an excellent social affair and we hope you gals keep your enthusiasm going throughout the coming summer months for another such affair at a place yet to be announced.

Since then much water has flown over the dam including the 47th International Turfgrass Conference and Show at Minneapolis. Seems like a cold place to have a conference however over 4000 persons attended including many from our own area. The big news from there was the election of Mr. Ted Woehrle of Oakland Hills Country Club as Vice-President. Most of you know "Ted" for the nice talk that he gave us at our Michawye Hills Meeting in October 1974, plus attending our recent meeting in September at Ferris State College. At the Conference, Dick Malpass CGCS of Riverside Golf & Country Club, Vancouver, Washington was elected President. "Ted" Woehrle will step up to the highest office of G.C.S.A.A. at our Conference in February 1977 at Portland, Oregon.

Much business was conducted at Minneapolis including many changes in the by-laws. By so doing, students attending college may become members of the National. The new Class under which these students may come in is now known as Class S(1 and 2). Another change was in reclassification each year and every member will have a form to fill out each year with the Executive Committee deciding just which classification each member falls into. The other important change was in the annual dues which had to be increased like everything else because of rising costs to operate. The new dues structure is effective for the 1976-77 fiscal year starting June 30th.

1976 is the Golden Anniversary of the G.C.S.A.A. Fifty years ago this organization was founded at Sylvania, Ohio and a big celebration is planned for September 13, 14 and 15th, at Sylvania. This celebration will include a golf tournament on the 14 and the 15th with a big banquet afterward. Further details will be forthcoming in future publications and we hope that you might make a notation now on your calendar. The President of the United States has been asked to proclaim September 12-18, 1976 as "National Golf Course Superintendents Week".

We would like to remind members that attended educational seminars at Minneapolis that your expenses are tax deductible under Treasury regulation "1.162-5 which permits an income tax deduction for educational expenses. (Registration fees, cost of travel, meals and lodging). Undertaken to: 1. Maintain or improve skills required in one's employment or other trade or business, or 2. meet expense requirements of an employer or a law imposed as a condition to retention of employment, job status, or rate of compensation."

This year we have added much information to our membership roster and we hope that you will all find much use for the contents and consult it many times. This booklet has been made possible this year through the cooperation of the following firms:

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This roster is at the printers and will be forthcoming to you in the near future. You will receive a copy if you have paid either your 1975 or 1976 dues. If you have not paid your 1976 dues, will you please do so NOW. Send your check to Mr. Frank Heminger.

We have new members in our organization and for your benefit, we would like to tell you that you can get a membership plaque with your name imprinted thereon in gold for the mere sum of five dollars. It will be enclosed in a glass frame and ready to hang on the wall of your office or home or both. Several have purchased two and these plaques are very impressive. Remember you are a professional and like a doctor, a lawyer or an engineer, be proud to display your membership in a professional organization. If you want one of these, please send your request immediately to:

C. E. Tate
1216 Whitfield Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 33580

Do not send your money as it will be collected when you receive your plaque. The final date for imprinting in gold will be April 10th, so get your order immediately.

There are certain dates during the coming months that will have much meaning to all of us. We will list them here now and hope that you retain the dates and not let anything interfere other than the specified reason:

April 29th, O. M. Scotts Pro Turf Seminar at Holiday Inn, Traverse City.
May 13th, Meeting at County Highlands Golf Club, Bear Lake
June 15th, Birchwood Farms Meeting, Harbor Springs
July 8, Meeting at West Branch Country Club, West Branch
July 20th, M.S.U. Get-to-gether at East Lansing of Michigan Border Cities G.C.S.A., West Michigan G.C.S.A. and Northern Michigan Turf Mgrs. Assn. It will be a day of golf plus many other things which you will hear details on.
August 17th, Meeting at Cheboygan Country Club, Cheboygan
September 9th, M.S.U. Field Day at Traverse City
September 13, 14 and 15th, 50th Anniversary of G.C.S.A.A., Sylvania, Ohio
September 22nd, Stuss Mountain Village, Mancelona, Meeting.
October 13th, Sugar Loaf Village, Cedar, meeting.

There are students at Michigan State in the turf grass section that would be interested in working on northern golf courses. Mr. James Hyde, 6240 Hardy Avenue, Apt. # 9, E. Lansing, 48823 as well as Mr. Brent Nelson, 143 Linden Blvd., Mason 48854. Both of these lads have decided that turfgrass and golf courses are their future and they might fit right into your program. It might be worth your while to contact them.

We would appreciate any suggestions that you might have to help us improve our programs and meetings. Your Educational Committee will welcome anything that you might have to offer. Please contact Mike Thomas, County Court House, Leland. Phone: 616/ 256-9888.

The man who hates to be asked, "Who's calling?" when he places a telephone call, also despises having his calls answered with a phone number. Everything fell into place one morning.

"211-8412," answered the secretary who was guarding her day's supply of good morning greetings.

"May I speak to Mr. Smith?" asked the man, slightly annoyed.

"May I tell him who's calling?" asked the secretary.

"219-3587," was the remarkably controlled reply.

Good Reading

"You must really dig the Bible, Grandma," commented the teen-ager, "otherwise you wouldn't always be reading it."

"You're right, dear." winked his grandmother, "but there's also the possibility that I'm cramming for my finals!"

Man's brain can be likened to a wagon. The lighter the load, the noisier it becomes.