



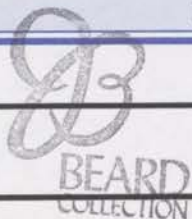
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President's Message

By the time you read this, most of you will have learned that we lost one of the founders of our northern Michigan group. Mr. C. E. Tuck Tate went on to groom the only perfect golf course that I know of. He will be remembered always in our hearts. As you change your next cup on a beautiful morning, look up and remember what its all about and give thanks.

On another note, we had a fine MTF Fundraiser held at the Cedar River Course at Shanty Creek in June. Thanks to all the groups that turned out, despite the down pour and gale force winds. Steve Shane and company, had the course in mag-

nificent shape (until my wedge peeled a few new turf plots). Maybe there's a new research project... "How deep can a wedge penetrate the turf subsurface before wrist bones shatter?" Anyhow, we made a lot of research money for the foundation and had a great time. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

Short note, the GAM seminar at Treetops was canceled because noone registered for it. What's up? Bad time of the season, costs too much, attended too many meetings this year already, or you just didn't want to put on a jacket and tie? Come on people, I only chal-

lenged you to attend two meetings this year. Some have made the quota and are earning extra credit. Great job!

Well, this message will reach you at a time when your patience is as short as the roots in your greens. Just think, it could be worse. Like the third week in August when you lose all of your summer staff. Or maybe that's a good thing??? Bright side to this message: less than 60 days until the first frost!

Green side up,

Daniel J. Bissonette
Walloon Lake Country Club

Farewell to our friend, C. E. "Tuck" Tate

Tuck Tate died in his Florida home Friday, June 30, 2000. He had been battling cancer for the past several years. His wife Becky now resides in Florida at Sara Bay Country Club. Memorials may be given to: Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota

FL 34238.

Tuck served our country during World War II in Europe. Returning to the states, he became a successful businessman, and in 1955 bought the Frankfort Golf Club. In 1959 he became a PGA Professional, as he operated and maintained Frankfort

Golf Club for 29 years. In 1984, Tuck sold Frankfort Golf Club, though he and Becky continued to spend winters in Sarasota and summers in Frankfort where they became members of Crystal Downs Country Club.



N.M.T.M.A Meeting Announcement

Date: August 8th. 2000

Location: The Loon Golf Club, Gaylord

Arrival: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Greg Lyman will be taking us on a tour of the golf course to visit several examples of where buffer strips have recently been implemented . 11:00 a.m. sharp.

Lunch: 12:00 noon.

Golf: Shotgun start 1:15.

Game: Shambles with String Tournament. Each player will be given a string the length of their handicap in feet. (4 handicap gets you four feet of string and so on) The string is used to move your ball to your advantage any where on the course. As you use the length of the string you cut it off till it is all used up.

Prizes: Awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Two long drives and closest to the pins.
Million Dollar Hole In One!

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00 and includes lunch, driving range, dinner and prizes.
\$20.00 for meeting and lunch only.

Attire: Casual golf. NO JEANS

Reservations: Call (517) 732-4454 by Friday, August 4th.
Let them know you are with the NMTMA and give them your handicap.
They can put you with a foursome if needed.

Directions: From the south take I-75 to the Waters exit. Head north on Old 27 to Charles Brink Rd. There is a yellow blinking light at the intersection. Head East one mile to the golf course on the left.

From the north take I-75 south to exit 279. Head south on Old 27 to Charles Brink Rd. Turn left and head East one mile to the course.

Tuck Tate....

Tuck was a member of GCSAA for over 40 years, and was recipient of the association's Distinguished Service Award. Tuck served on the board of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation for six years, including two years as president when the Hancock Turfgrass Research Center was being built at Michigan State University.

Tuck was a founding member of the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association. In 1971, he collaborated with Leelanau Extension agent Mike Thomas and Golf Course Superintendents Ed Karcheski and Frank Hemminger to establish the NMTMA. Tuck served the NMTMA as president from 1972 to 1983 and as newsletter editor from 1971 to 1990.

Tuck also established a private trust, now maintained by the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, which annually funds the "Tuck Tate Scholarship". This scholarship is presented to students in the Turfgrass Management programs at Michigan State University.

Tuck was a great friend and encourager to many of us in Northern Michigan, and we will miss him dearly. Tuck always enjoyed educational programs and golf outings where he would meet and visit with his peers. And though he is gone, we will continue to benefit from Tuck's hard work and his unselfish devotion to our profession.

Michael Morris
Crystal Downs C. C.

2000 Meeting Schedule

- ◆ August 8, 2000 The Loon Golf Course
- ◆ August 23, 2000 - Michigan State University, Field Day
- ◆ September 12, 2000 -NMTMA Fund-raiser, Emerald Vale Golf Course
- ◆ October 2, 2000 Tuck Tate Chapter Championship, Traverse City Golf & C.C.

Who wants to win \$250.00?

In an effort to install a little creativity and addition to our Turf Times, we are awarding \$250.00 and a plaque to the member of the NMTMA who submits an article to be judged and published in the Turf Times. Once the article is submitted, it will be reviewed by a committee to be put into the final judging, done by the members at the annual board meeting. There are no subject restrictions. Pictures may accompany your article. Please submit all articles to:

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