



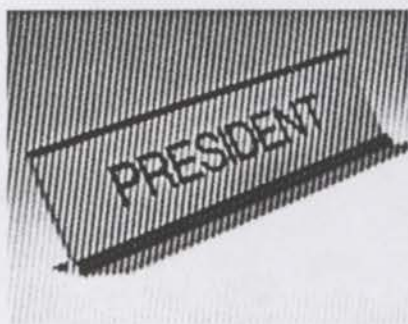
Turf Times



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President's Message



Here's a first in NMTMA history, the president of the this association is located north of the bridge there eh. Another first in Tuck Tate history, John Holberton of Wild Bluff winning the chapter championship. The Yoopers are taking over. If you notice some Yooper slang thrown in every now and then, just keeping you folks up to date in case you make the trip north of the bridge there eh.

Hopefully everyone is back from deer camp safe & sound and bagged the big buck. Not too many big bucks running around the island, bridge count was down 21% this year. There is a big push for the entire UP to be a DQM zone, which means 5 points or more to be taken, enough of the Yooper talk.

The NMTMA board wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the board members, past and present over the last 6 years, who I've had the privilege serving with. It is an honor to sit in the seat of all those that have passed through NMTMA. I do know with all my travels in and out of state, the NMTMA is recognized as one of the top chapters in GCSAA and we have put together one of best websites out there. That was one of Dan Bissonette's visions and it has really paid off.

At this time there are no updates on the waterfront. Tom Smith has put some facts together in the latest Newsnotes from the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. I will be giving a small presentation at MTF in a water session they put together. One final note, the mini-conference this spring is on Wednesday, March 30. So mark your calendar and plan on attending another great event by the NMTMA.

Craig Hoffman
Superintendent - The Rock

Don't miss the MTF Conference Scheduled for January 17-20 in Lansing, Michigan. Register now at michiganturfgrass.org

A Dab of This, A Dab of That, and Viola a Recipe for Success!

Beware ingredients may not work for all!

Success is one of those words that have endless definitions. It seems that everyone has their own ideas of what success means to them. Some may agree with the typical dictionary definition of: "achieving something desired, planned, or attempted; or gaining fame or prosperity," but to others this simply does not cover how they would define success. For me, I agree with the dictionary definition in that all of those things could be considered a success, but I believe there is much more to the word than what can be defined in a dictionary.

As I try to come up with my own definition of success there seems to be many concepts that come to mind. I began thinking about what I would consider to be a success and what the outcome truly is. All of these ideas seem to have one common theme: "happiness." There are so many things you do in your life that come together to make your life a success, but the end result should always be happiness.

Although many things may happen in my life that are a success I believe certain things have to happen in order to achieve ultimate happiness. Some of these things include being happy with your job, having a kind a loving family, having great friends with whom who can share your fondest memories, and being able to reflect on your life and still have a smile upon your face in the end. I strongly believe that if all of these things happen in your life then you could consider your life as a whole a success.

Jobs are something that many will hold for the greater part of their lives. On average employees work forty to fifty hours in a week. If one is going to spend this much time doing something, then it should be something they like. This is why I can't wait to venture out and start upon my career in elementary education. I love working with students, parents, and other people. I have had an interest in this career for quite some time, and can't wait to explore it for myself. It is my hope that once this part of my life begins I love every minute of my job. I strongly feel that I will love my job, and therefore can't wait for this piece of the puzzle to start.

Although there will be many things starting in life as I venture away from high school and college there is nothing I look forward to more than raising a family. It has been my hope and dream to one day be a mom and I do not feel my life would be complete without a husband and great kids to share it with. Many fond memories and happy times are created when a family is together, and this is what I want for my family. I want to talk, laugh, and play with my kids. I want to help them grow up to be great people and lead their own successful lives. This is simply one more step to the puzzle of success in my life.

Friends are another important part of one's life. Although, a lesser component than family, friends are still needed to share special moments. Not everyone has to have a lot of friendships, but a few strong ones always make life a little easier. Friends are someone you can share your feelings with, laugh with, and cry with. It is my belief that if you walk away with a few great friends and all of the things listed above success has been reached. Your puzzle has been completed!

My recipe for success wouldn't be complete without being able to reflect upon my life and continue to smile. Although there are many little things in life that are added bonuses to a job well done I feel that for me the items listed above are the most important concepts. I would be extremely happy and satisfied with my life if all of my hopes and dreams for a great job, a wonderful family, great friends, and smile upon my face came true. Ultimately there is no greater reward than a feeling of happiness and satisfaction when everything is complete.

Jessica Galligan

This letter was submitted for the members scholarship and was awarded \$1000.00 for answering the essay question "Define what success is."

Recycle Day 2004 a Success

On November 10, 2004 Uniroyal Corporation, the Northern Michigan Turfgrass Managers and Turfgrass Inc. sponsored the 1st annual recycle day at Turfgrass Inc. North in Gaylord, Michigan. At the end of the day, 4800 lbs. of plastic containers were collected and shipped out to a recycling plant. The plastic containers varied in size from 2.5 gallon up to 250 gallon. The containers will now be recycled and used in products of low exposure products such as parking blocks.

The whole concept of this came about when Dave Green from The Uniroyal Corp. contacted Scott Pulaski and wanted to know if the plan could come together in three weeks and get enough containers to make it worth while to hold the event. The thought at first was that there wasn't enough time to get the information out and make much of a difference. That thought was soon changed to any amount is better than nothing and somebody had to take the initiative.

Over the next three weeks, Dave G., Scott and Dave Johanningsmeier would discuss how the plan would be attacked. On the morning of the 10th the three men organized all the materials they needed. Dave Green cut a 500 gallon water holding tank in half to be used to collect the rinse water. At the bottom of this he had hooked up a pump that would pump the rinse water into another 1000 gallon container to be sprayed out after the day was over. As the containers would arrive they would be checked and then sprayed clean over the 250 gallon tank with a power washer. The task was not the easiest, but the containers had to arrive at the recycling plant clean or we would get billed \$30.00 for each container that was not properly cleaned. Were there any dirty containers? Yes there were, but the whole mission was to keep the plastic out of the landfill. Pretty much ever container received a spray down to ensure that they would pass inspection.

At the end of the day we had collected 4800 lbs. of plastic that would have ended up in a landfill to sit and slowly decay for years to come. Next year we hope to work on collecting containers throughout the summer and be able to take back up to 10,000 lbs of plastic that would have ended up in the landfills. Many thanks to all of those that contributed to make this such a success.



NEW CSA Award

The 2004 NMTMA Board of Directors has decided that it is time to give back to the many people in our organization that give to so many others. The Community Service Award will be presented at the 2005 Mini-Conference to a member of the NMTMA that volunteers their time to a specific organization or community for no monetary value. The award winner will receive a **\$500.00** check made out to the organization of their choice in their name. The simple rules are as follows: 1. The person being nominated or applying for this must be a current member and have been for the past two years. 2. Must not receive payment for services they provide. 3. Must have been volunteering for the organization for two years, one including the present year. If you would like to nominate a person or would like to apply for this yourself, please contact Craig Hoffman @ (906) 493-5658 or Scott Pulaski @ (989) 732-6711 Ext. 2809 for an application.

Announcing the Inaugural Ski and Learn Turfgrass Symposium March 7 & 8, 2005 at Crystal Mountain Resort

The Ski and Learn Turfgrass Symposium is a cooperative effort between the MTF and the NMTMA. After all, what better way to celebrate the end of winter than to cap-it-off with a turf conference at Crystal Mountain Resort? Ok, there may be better ways but we think this is a good one.

This first annual event, and all proceeding Ski and Learn Symposium, will be dedicated to addressing a single turfgrass issue. This symposium is also unique in that participants will earmark the funds towards a specified research project and will also vote to pick next year's symposium topic.

Session times are from 8:00 A.M. – Noon on Monday March 7 and Tuesday March 8 with a Vendor Happy Hour from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. on Monday March 7. As you can see we built time into the conference to ski, snowboard, or hang by the fireside one last time before spring arrives.

Lodging at Crystal Mountain includes a breakfast buffet prior to the session and lunch afterward, a lift ticket for the slopes, and dining gratuities. The cost for lodging is \$118.00 single rate and \$79.00 double rate per room, or \$130.00 single rate and \$85.00 double rate for a suite. Additionally, special lift ticket and rental rates will be given to spouses, children, or significant others that share a hotel room or suite with a conference participant.

Now a little bit more info about the symposium. The Inaugural Ski and Learn Turfgrass Symposium feature Dr. Thomas A. Nikolai of MSU, Mike Morris CGCS Crystal Downs C.C., and Jon Scott PGA Tour Agronomist addressing the topic of green speed. For nearly 25 years industry recommendations concerning the green speed debate has been 1) speed kills 2) get your members to lower their expectations or if all else fails 3) lie to your clientele. For many superintendents these recommendations are about as useful as putting a band-aid on a broken arm. The dream of Eddie Stimpson and Al Radko, key players in the creation and distribution of the Stimpmeter, was that each course would create their "ideal green speed". Unfortunately, no set of instructions came with the Stimpmeter as to the best way to establish an ideal green speed. This class covers problems that have led to golf course superintendents being on the defensive in the green speed debate and offers a proven method for establishing your courses ideal green speed. The role the environment, mowing height, light-weight rolling, fertility, PGRs and other cultural practices have on green speed will be discussed and probably debated. Additionally, Jon Scott's will give advice regarding "The Do's and Don'ts of Tournament Preparation."

Clearly, space is limited in this unique setting. Pre-register by December 1, 2004 and save \$20 off registration by:

Mailing \$100.00 check made payable to Michigan Turfgrass Foundation
P.O. Box 80071
Lansing, MI 48908

Or

Register at nmtma.org today.

Reserve your lodging by calling Crystal Mountain and mention "Ski and Turf Symposium."

Items For Sale:

All items can be viewed at nmtma.org

Ransome 180

Company: Traverse City Golf & Country Club

Description:

This Ransome 180 is in very good condition. We installed a new engine on it three years ago. We have used it to mow our intermediate cut around the ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Steve Hammon

Email: steveh@tcgcc.com

Phone: 231-947-0487

Ransome Deck

Company: Lakes of the North

Description:

60" rear discharge mower deck, taken off a 728D tractor. PTO driven. Missing front castor wheels. ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Scott Brown

Email: lnmaint@avci.net

Phone: 231-585-6129

Jacobsen LF100

Company: Eagle Glen Golf Course

Description:

This is a used Jacobsen LF100 for sale. We have replaced this fairway mower with a new one and need the space in the shop. This mower does come with ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: George Shepherd

Email: gshep@glcccomputers.com

Phone: 989-588-6599

Jacobsen LF100

Company: Private seller

Description:

Complete working unit. Reels w/groomer. 4WD 3,700 hours. Will sell complete, part out reels, or trade for Turf Cat. Will consider offers or other tr ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Louie Bauer

Email: ltbauer@ameritech.net

Phone: 419-872-3191

Irrigation Materials

Company: Walloon Lake Country Club

Description:

Due to an irrigation renovation project, we have slightly used irrigation materials available for sale at WLCC. We will consider volume discounts.

Contact: Daniel Bissonette

Email: dan@upnorth.net

Phone: 231-535-2373

Rainbird Eagle 700 series

Company: Eagle Glen Golf Course

Description:

6 new Rainbird eagle 700's

Complete bodies with heads

A little dirty but never used ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Dudley Strauch - George Shephard

Email: dudleystrauch@yahoo.com

Phone: 1(989)588-6599

1984 Cushman Truckster

Company: Crystal Downs CC

Description:

3 wheel, no dump ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Mike Morris

Email: mmorris@crystaldowns.org

Phone: 231-352-4241

Toro Sandpro with Spiker

Company: Crystal Downs CC

Description:

no rake attachment ... [DETAILS](#)

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FMC 300 Gallon Sprayer

Company: Crystal Downs CC

Description:

18' Boom; PTO driven; no foam marker; stainless tank ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Mike Morris

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Peerless 1000 Automatic Bedknife Grinder

Company: Crystal Downs Country Club

Description:

Automatic, pneumatic traverse with coolant system ... [DETAILS](#)

Contact: Mike Morris

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Foley Manual Bedknife Grinder

Company: Crystal Downs CC

Description:

Very good condition ... [DETAILS](#)

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