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GAYLORD, MICHIGAN

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REGISTRATION	8:30 A. M.
STARTING TIME	9:30 A. M.
LUNCH	12:00 NOON
AFTERNOON SESSION	1:00 P. M.

Entire proceedings will be inside therefore weather will have no effect on the proceedings. Speakers will be Bruce Branham, Paul Rieke, John N. (Trey) Rogers, Robert Schutzki, David Smitley, all from M.S.U., Austin Miller of Miller Engineers, Inc. Royal Oak, Kurt Thuemmel, President of Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, Tom Brogger, President of N.M.T.M.A. and Brent Nelson, Superintendent of Shanty Creek. Andy Norman, County Agent of Benzie County will be the Moderator. They have put together a very interesting program on turfgrass, horticulture, irrigation, diseases and pesticides subject fitting for a spring seminar. Cost of participation for you will be \$15.00 per person, including lunch. A postcard is enclosed which we would like you to return at once, so that we may inform "Tree Tops" of the number that will be there for lunch. A complete program of the seminar and the subjects which will be covered is inside. The superintendent at "Tree Tops" is our Board member and Treasurer, Damian Kurkowski.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be at Crystal Downs Country Club in May. The exact date has not been set as yet however another letter will be forthcoming with all the details. Mike Morris is the golf course superintendent and he has recently been appointed to our Board. Jim Olli, who was superintendent at Hidden Valley is moving to Marquette Country Club, as super. He felt that since it was so far away, it would be best that he resign. We hope that he will like the colder weather up there on the shores of Lake Superior.

Crystal Downs Country Club will be the site of the 1991 USGA Amateur Seniors Golf Tournament. This is a very important major golf tournament and will give more exposure to those that rate golf courses. Last year one of the major publications rated Crystal Downs as the 59th finest course in the world. Ben Crenshaw said after playing it, that if those who rate golf courses would have seen this course, its rating would be much lower. So---- keep your calendar clear until we are able to come up with the exact date.

The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing a thing exactly right.

Edward Simmons



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BEHIND THE GREENS

A Monthly Message From Your Board
By Jim Bogart

What do you do all winter?

Probably every member of the NMTMA hears this question at least once each year. The answers are many; including such classics as:

"I groom ski slopes"
"I babysit my daughter"
"I get equipment ready"
"I referee basketball"
"I play basketball"
"I sleep a lot"
"I go fishing a lot"
"I go bowling"
"I attend conferences"

That last answer says a lot about our profession.

As professional turf managers we each need to keep up with the latest ideas relating to our industry. So far in 1989 we've had the opportunity to attend the Michigan Turfgrass Conference in Lansing and the GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim. Many NMTMA members took advantage of these educational programs.

Most recently our association joined forces with the Golf Association of Michigan to sponsor a greens seminar at Garland GC. GAM Director, Jeff Rivard, opened the program with an introduction to the GAM. He also discussed procedures for dealing with bad weather during tournaments. Dr. Joe Vargas gave an update on black layer and summer patch. Conference attendees were also updated on current marketing programs for golf courses in Northern Michigan.

Chris Fochtman, Green Ridge CC superintendent, shared his experiences as a caddy in the US Open. His presentation was followed by the highlight film from the 1988 US Open. USGA Green Section Regional Director, Jim Latham, gave a review of turf conditions in the midwest last summer. The program concluded with talks on golf rules and golf cart usage.

With another successful GAM seminar behind us we can plan now for next month's mini turf conference. This year's program will be held Monday April 10th at Sylvan Resort in Gaylord. Included on the program are several MSU professors as well as Austin Miller and NMTMA director Brent Nelson. Dr. Trey Rogers will have his first opportunity to speak up north. He will discuss "Measuring Hardness of Turf Surfaces."

The morning session will feature several pertinent topics for turf managers in Northern Michigan. Following lunch we will again feature a symposium concentrating on a single subject. This year's topic is "Surviving the Drought of 1988. Speakers will review the effects of last summer's drought and the continuing effects that may be seen this summer. The entire program for this mini conference can be found elsewhere in Turf Times.

Plan now to be at Sylvan for this year's seminar. Then the next time someone asks, you too can say "I attend conferences."

See you at Sylvan!

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TREASURER,S REPORT 1988-89

Income:

Carry over Balance	\$683.69
1988 Annual Dues	2253.75
1989 Annual Dues to date	3190.00
1988 Mini Conference	700.00
1988 Games	336.50
1988 Shirt Sales	669.00
1988 Membership Book Ads	2372.50
1988 Bank Interest	17.78

TOTAL \$10,583.22

Expenses:

1988 Mini Conference	780.00
Office Supplies & Stationery	470.18
Newsletters	1626.12
Postage	340.48
Membership Book Printing	1740.99
Meeting Costs	447.55
Shirt Purchases	625.25
Flowers for Deceased	41.60
Speakers Dinners	10.00
Trophies & Plaques	109.95
Michigan Hospitality Room	250.00
Meeting Jacket	75.00
Crests for Jackets	110.00
1988 Executive Sec. Fee	500.00
Group Insurance(Ass'n)	250.00
Membership Plaques	31.73
Membership Cards	474.00
Bank Service Charhes	37.84

TOTAL \$7920.69

Net Balance April 1, 1989 \$2762.53

GCSAA CERTIFIES 1,000 MEMBER

Ronald M. Ross, superintendent of Hillcrest C.C., Lincoln, NE. has become the 1,000th active golf course supt. to earn the designation Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. GCSAA President Dennis D, Lyon, CGCS, made the announcement at the association's headquarters in Lawrence, KS.

Ross has been superintendent of the 18 hole private club since July 1984. He is a member of our Association and was at the Grand Hotel G.C., Mackinac, MI. and Great Lakes C. C. Rochester, MI., prior to going to Lincoln, NE. GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 as a means of recognizing outstanding and progressive golf course superintendents. This should inspire others to become certified.

POSITION AVAILABLE, Alpena Country Club, 18 hole, private, contact Phillip Straley, 517/356-4531 (work) 517/356-6294 (home)

CHEMICAL PICKUP AND DISPOSAL

The following information will be pertinent to those of you who have OLD CHEMICALS. What is meant by old chemicals is that pile sitting in the corner that has red flags around it and no one is to go near. If this has lured you into reading more, then you probably have old chemicals you'd like to get rid of.

In this preliminary survey, we need to know what kind of chemicals you have and how much of each. The reason we have to know the type of chemicals and the quantity is for information to obtain the permit for chemical pickup and disposal. If enough interest is generated, we will hire a truck to go from club to club around Northern Michigan and pickup the chemicals and dispose of properly.

A price figure will be available after we get an idea of some quantities. You will not be held accountable to participate if you fill out this survey. We realize some clubs may select to drop out when pricing is finalized. PLEASE LET ME REMIND YOU, THAT IF YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM WHO WILL?

CHEMICAL

QUANTITY (lbs./gals.)

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2)

3)

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For further information please contact Jeff Holmes
(616) 938-9083

Your name _____ Phone _____

WASTE DISPOSAL

In our recent letter, we tried to impose on you the importance of your getting rid of old chemicals, which you might have at your golf course. We have had little to report so we are asking you again to reconsider and recheck your chemicals. If you are caught with old chemicals or if they leak or contaminate your location, fines will be forthcoming. PESTICIDE DISPOSAL DAY, is fast approaching and Jeff Holmes must be notified to set up a pickup. Please fill out the above form and mail to the address on the other side. If you have any questions, please call Holmes at 616/939-9084 or Tom Reed at 616/943-8343. Please do not procrastinate on this subject.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN TURF MANAGERS SEMINAR

Monday, April 10, 1989
Sylvan Resort
Gaylord, MI

- 8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
L. Andrew Norman, Moderator
Benzie County Cooperative Extension Service, Beulah
- 9:30 WELCOME
Tom Brogger, President
Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association
Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club, Harbor Springs
- 9:35 MEASURING HARDNESS OF TURF SURFACES
John N. (Trey) Rogers, III
Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU
- 10:00 REBUILDING GREENS AT THE LEGENDS
Brent Nelson
Shanty Creek Resort, Mancelona
- 10:20 GYPSY MOTH AND FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR CONCERNS; CONTROLLING ANTS ON
THE GOLF COURSE
David Smitley
Entomology, MSU
- 11:00 MANAGING THE GOLF COURSE TO MAINTAIN GROUND WATER QUALITY
Bruce Branham
Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU
- 11:25 MANAGING TO CONTROL SUMMER PATCH AND TAKE ALL PATCH
Joseph M. Vargas, Jr.
Botany and Plant Pathology, MSU
- 11:50 MICHIGAN TURFGRASS FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES
Kurt Thuemmel, President
Walnut Hills Country Club, East Lansing
- 12:00 LUNCH

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

SURVIVING THE DROUGHT OF 1988

- 1:00 EFFECTS ON TREES
Robert Schutzki
Horticulture, MSU
- 1:40 WHAT WE LEARNED IN '88 - IMPROVING DESIGN OF YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM
Austin Miller
Miller Engineers, Royal Oak
- 2:10 PANEL - HOW ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS AFFECTS TURF
- REVIEW OF 1988 - IRRIGATION NEEDS
Paul Rieke
Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU
- INSECTS
David Smitley
Entomology, MSU
- WEEDS
Bruce Branham
Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU
- DISEASES
J. M. Vargas, Jr.
Botany and Plant Pathology, MSU
- 2:45 ADJOURN TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

DIRECTIONS: Drive east out of Gaylord on M-33; turn left on Wilkinson Road, drive approximately 2.5 miles to entrance; park in the Tree Tops Suite parking lot; meeting will be held the Birch Room.

REGISTRATION: There will be a registration fee of \$15 to cover coffee and rolls plus lunch.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE SO PLEASE MAIL THAT POSTCARD IMMEDIATELY. Thanks.

This meeting is cosponsored by the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association and the Cooperative Extension Service at Michigan State University.