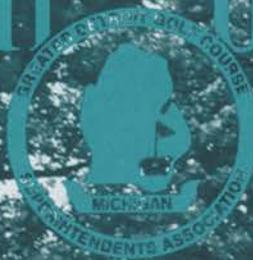
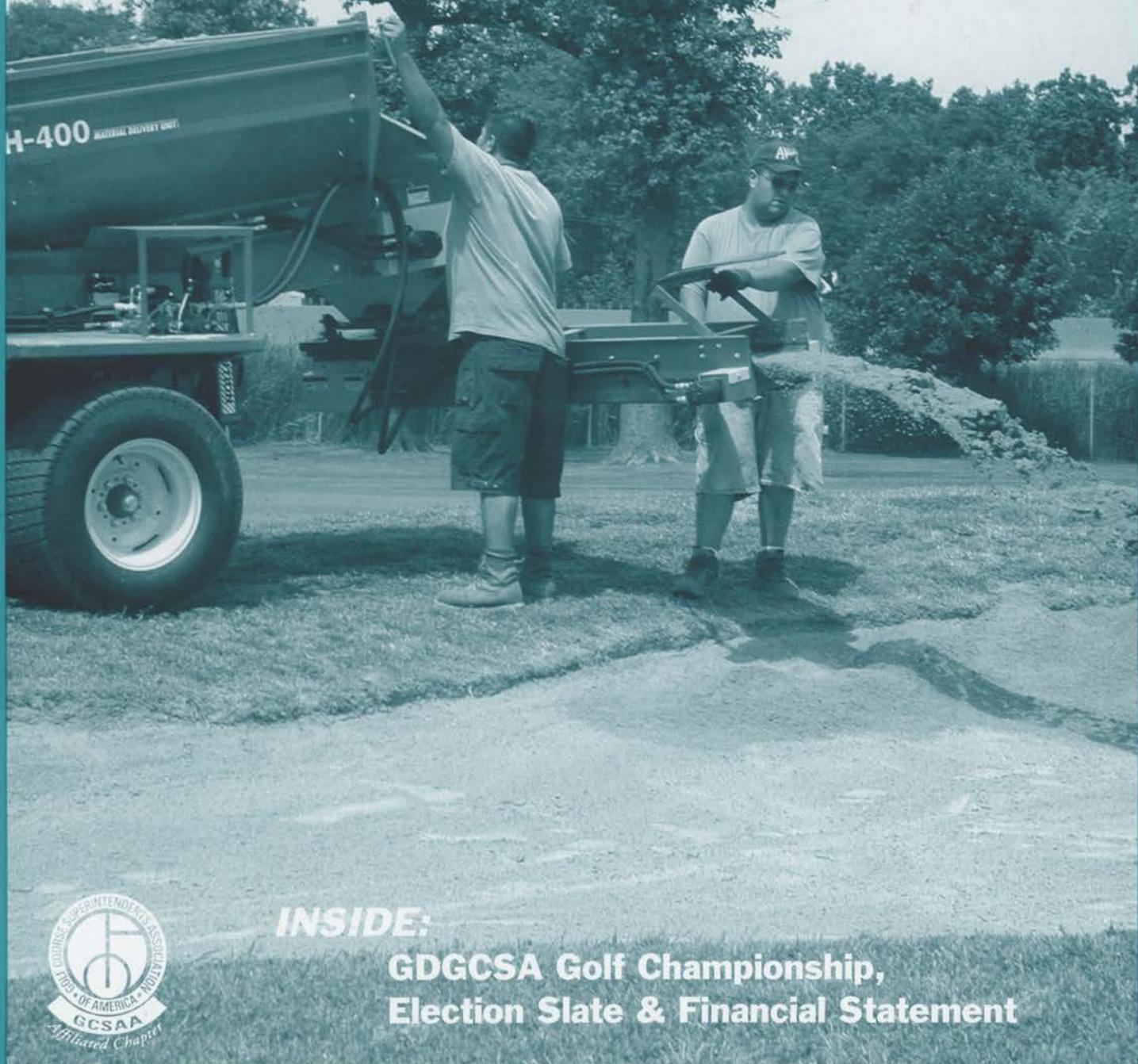


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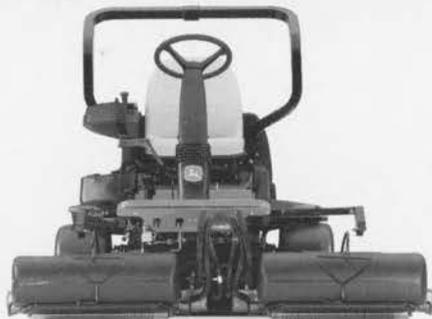
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I just finished participating in the nomination process in this year's elections for the Board of Directors of the GDGCSA and thought I'd share a few of my observations on the subject.

For as long as I have been on the Board of Directors, and I'm sure it precedes my joining, it's been a challenge getting superintendent members to run for office. Between Past President Mark McKinley and myself, we approached over twenty superintendents who we thought would make good candidates to seek nomination. Of those twenty-some

requests we convinced four men to run for the three positions. In recent years we sometimes were only able to get just enough candidates to fill the open positions. The Board would like to give the membership a choice in our annual elections, but putting together a full slate of candidates is becoming very difficult.

The first time I was asked to run for the Board I declined. My reason for not running was that my daughters were still in school and any spare time I had was devoted to them. I love my daughters dearly and enjoy spending quality time with them, but the truth be told, the real reason I chose not to run was that I was a little intimidated by the idea of serving on the Board. I had served on the Education and Golf Day Committees prior to being asked to run for election, so I was somewhat familiar with how those aspects of the association worked, but wasn't sure I possessed the qualities needed to be a good Board member. When asked to run the second time, I agreed partly because I was a little more confident of my managerial skills but primarily it was because I felt I had an obligation to give something back to the association. I had enjoyed the benefits of the hard work of Board members for years and I thought it's time I did my part to contribute to my local chapter.

These past few years I have spent as a member of the Board have been some of the most rewarding of my career. It's been an honor to work with people who are dedicated to serving our profession and are willing to give a little of their time to help our association.

There is a resource, which up to this point we have not utilized to its full potential. That resource would be the Affiliate. Some of our membership's hardest working and most dedicated people are our vendors. Having served on committees with them I can honestly say they pull their own weight and then some. I believe the time has come to consider nominating an Affiliate to the Board of Directors. Our bylaws, as currently written, allow for Affiliate members to serve on the Board as long as a majority of the entire Board is GCSAA Class A or SM members. If this requires a bylaw change to allow Affiliates to vote at the Board level, I would support such a change.

At a time when we are searching for individuals to participate on our Board, I believe it's in our best interests to utilize one of our untapped assets, the Affiliate member.

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GDGCSA Golf Championship

By Mike Mulkey

On June 24th about fifty players braved the ninety degree heat and the two-foot-tall natural areas at Fox Hills in Plymouth for the 2003 Greater Detroit Golf Course Superintendents Association Championship. The Golden Fox was in great shape and proved to be very challenging. Eric Niemur C.G.C.S., Director of Golf, and his staff should

feel proud of themselves as everyone spoke very highly of the great golf course conditions. Eric is in his fourteenth season at Fox Hills, and has been Director of Golf for the last two years. In 2002, Fox Hills was voted Golf Course of the year by both the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association, and the National Golf Course Owners Association.

The low net winner of the tournament was Doug Johanningsmeier and runner-up was John Shreve. In the low gross category, Mike Fouty took first place, and second place went to "Mr. Retirement", Jay Delcamp.

Closest-to-the-pin awards went to Gary Johnson and John Cooney. Skins were handed out to Ben Hills, Gary Johnson and Jon Shreve. The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who attended the tournament and, of course, everyone at Fox Hills for providing us with a great day of golf.



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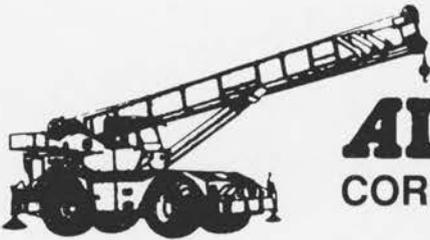
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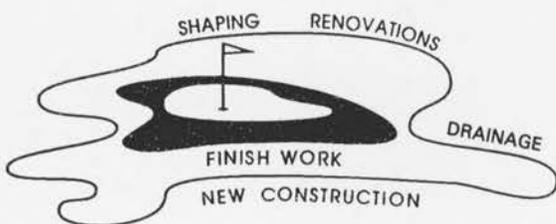
ASSETS	2002	2001
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 51,238.00	\$ 57,506.00
Accounts receivable	5,425.00	4,246.00
Dues receivable	-	480.00
Prepaid income taxes	262.00	800.00
Total current assets	56,925.00	63,032.00
Equipment (net of depreciation)	742.00	1,039.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 57,667.00	\$ 64,071.00
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 125.00	\$ 134.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	125.00	134.00
EQUITY		
Membership equity	57,542.00	63,937.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 57,667.00	\$ 64,071.00



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For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	2002	2001
REVENUE		
Advertising	\$ 47,549.00	\$ 51,204.00
Dues	40,000.00	41,180.00
Interest	850.00	1,549.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	10.00
Meeting fees	39,967.00	36,750.00
	\$ 128,376.00	\$ 130,693.00
TOTAL REVENUE		
 EXPENSES		
Awards	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Depreciation	297.00	416.00
Income taxes	1,945.00	2,300.00
Insurance	875.00	1,435.00
Magazine production and mailing	63,134.00	57,561.00
Meetings	45,498.00	55,010.00
Membership welfare	631.00	400.00
Postage	1,939.00	2,057.00
Printing and supplies	1,752.00	2,391.00
Professional fees	13,389.00	11,775.00
Repairs and maintenance	2,207.00	2,873.00
Telephone	991.00	1,342.00
Miscellaneous	1,113.00	1,030.00
	\$ 134,771.00	\$ 142,590.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		
Change in membership equity	(6,395.00)	(11,897.00)
Beginning membership equity	63,937.00	75,834.00
	\$ 57,542.00	\$ 63,937.00
Ending membership equity		



Christopher Furness
President

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Meet New Executive Secretary Kay Patrick

I am very excited to have been selected as the Greater Detroit's Executive Secretary following Kate Mason's retirement in December. During the next 6 months I will be working with Kate to develop a smooth transition, so you will be seeing me at some of your outings and meetings. Many of you I already know, but for those who don't know me, I developed my own business in 1984 that provides full administrative support services to four (soon to be five) non-profit Michigan associations. I am a lifelong resident of Lansing and graduated from MSU in 1989 with a BA in Fine Arts. I look forward to a great partnership with the Greater Detroit.



New Executive Secretary Kay Patrick

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Greater Detroit Golf Course Superintendents Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
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	<u>Golf Day</u>	<u>Special Olympics</u>	<u>2002 Total</u>	<u>2001 Total</u>
REVENUE				
Donations	\$ 23,220.00	\$ 18,166.00	\$ 41,386.00	\$ 44,389.00
Event fees	20,325.00	6,650.00	26,975.00	32,630.00
Interest	<u>140.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>156.00</u>	<u>271.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 43,685.00	\$ 24,832.00	\$ 68,517.00	\$ 77,290.00
EXPENDITURES				
Research/scholarships/donations	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 15,100.00	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 44,516.00
Event fees	24,498.00	9,095.00	33,593.00	39,543.00
Miscellaneous	<u>53.00</u>	<u>53.00</u>	<u>106.00</u>	<u>114.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 45,051.00	\$ 24,248.00	\$ 69,299.00	\$ 84,173.00
Fund balance (decrease) increase	\$ (1,366.00)	\$ 584.00	\$ (782.00)	\$ (6,883.00)
Beginning fund balance			<u>24,278.00</u>	<u>31,161.00</u>
Ending fund balance *			<u>\$ 23,496.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,278.00</u>

* This balance is not included in the assets of the association.

July 8, 2003

We have examined the bank reconciliations for the above listed bank accounts for the year ended December 31, 2002. We found that all book balances were properly reconciled to the bank statements, as provided by Charter One Bank and in our opinion, the December 31, 2002 book balances are correctly stated. We have also met with Dale Bender, CPA and reviewed the Financial Statements and Tax Returns and all of our questions have been answered to our satisfaction.

Audit Committee

David W. Jones, Superintendent - Greystone Golf Club
Doug M. Mozal, Superintendent - Partridge Creek Golf Club
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Name:

Fritz McMullen

Spouse/Family:

Dorinda (wife), Marc, Todd (sons)

G.D.G.C.S.A. Office Nominated For:

President

Present Place of Employment/Number of Years:

Forest Lake Country Club - 30 years

Past Positions/Number of Years:

Member of G.D.G.C.S.A. from 1968 to 2002 (35 years).

Director, 1979-80, 1986-89, 2002.

G.D.G.C.S.A. Involvement:

I have been Committee Chairman of the following committees over the past 35 years: Golf, Education, Membership, Social, Picnic, Golf Day and the Christmas Party

Election Statement:

To follow our mission statement:

The Purpose:

To advance the rights and sciences attendant upon pertinent or related to the profession of greenkeeping, to unite the golf course superintendents of the Detroit Metropolitan area into a cooperative group for the collection, preservation and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge and information, thus effecting more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses and thereby improving and enhancing the individual and collective prestige and efficiency of the members; the creation of an instrumentality or entity of record capable and susceptible of procuring all benefits to the members both individually and collectively.



Greater Detroit G.C.S.A. Board of Directors Nominee

Name:

Robert A. King

Spouse/Family:

Carolyn (wife), David (son)

G.D.G.C.S.A. Office Nominated For:

Vice President

Present Place of Employment/Number of Years:

The Orchards Golf Club - 10 years

Past Positions/Number of Years:

Sycamore Hills Golf Club - 1 year Internship

Scalawags Country Club - 4 years, Assistant Superintendent

Community Involvement/G.D.G.C.S.A. Involvement:

St. Clement Church of Rome in Romeo - usher, volunteer leader for MCREST homeless shelter

Current G.D.G.C.S.A. Secretary/Treasurer. Co-Chairman Education, Historian, Volunteer for Golf Day

Sponsor/Chairperson of several fund-raising events

Election Statement:

I am very optimistic that our future can be bright with the involvement of our membership. We are a strong association and have a rich history, yet we lag behind other associations when it comes to computer related or on-line capabilities and marketing our profession to maintain a positive image. We need commitment and new ideas from our members. As Vice President, I will listen and implement those new ideas, fulfill my duties professionally and to the best of my abilities, and continue to work hard to make us the association that stands above the rest.





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Greater Detroit G.C.S.A. Board of Directors Nominee

Name:
Dan Billette

Spouse/Family
Linda (wife), Erin (daughter), Danny & Jacob (sons)

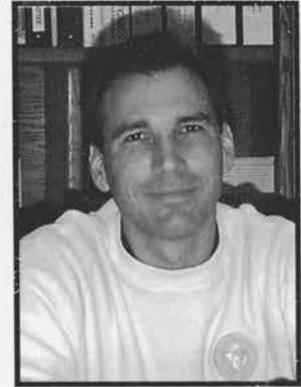
G.D.G.C.S.A. Office Nominated For:
Secretary/Treasurer

Present Place of Employment/Number of Years:
Bloomfield Hills Country Club - 4 years

Past Positions/Number of Years:
Superintendent, Lenawee CC - 11 years
Assistant Superintendent, Bloomfield CC - 3 years

G.D.C.S.A. Involvement:
Board of Directors: One year; Committees - Social, GAM Seminar, Special Olympics. Served on the Board of Directors of the NW Ohio GCSA for 6 years, including president.

Election Statement:
We have a great association but we need to find ways to get more people involved. An association is only as strong as its membership. We have a strong membership; however, many members are not taking advantage of the educational and social activities offered. I will continue to work hard and help facilitate changes where necessary to increase the participation level at our functions.



Greater Detroit G.C.S.A. Board of Directors Nominee

Name:
Randy Malburg

Spouse/Family:
My wife, Raquel and I are expecting our first child in August

G.D.G.C.S.A. Office Nominated For:
Board of Directors

Present Place of Employment/Number of Years:
Beacon Hill Golf Club - 3 years

Past Positions/Number of years:
Assistant Superintendent at Greystone Golf Club for 2 years. Wilfred Malburg Sod Farm, 15 years.

Community Involvement/G.D.G.C.S.A.:
My wife and I are involved with a couple of charities in our community. The first charity is The Black Fan Diamond Anemia and the second one is Spinal Cord Society.

Election Statement:
Continuing education, in my opinion, is a major issue our association will be dealing with in the very near future. I think we are going to have to be able to provide ample opportunities for our members to earn their CEU's in order to maintain a Class A Superintendent status with the GCSAA. The GDGCSA has come a long way over the years. This success is due to members getting involved and making things happen. I would welcome the opportunity to be able to serve the association as a board member.

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Name:
Brian Schwehofer

Spouse/Family:
Julie (wife)

G.D.G.C.S.A. Office Nominated For:
Board of Directors

Present Place of Employment/Number of Years:

Golf Course Manager, Indianwood Golf and Country Club - 5 years

Past Positions/Number of Years:
Assistant Superintendent, Lochmoor Club - 4 years

G.D.C.S.A. Involvement:
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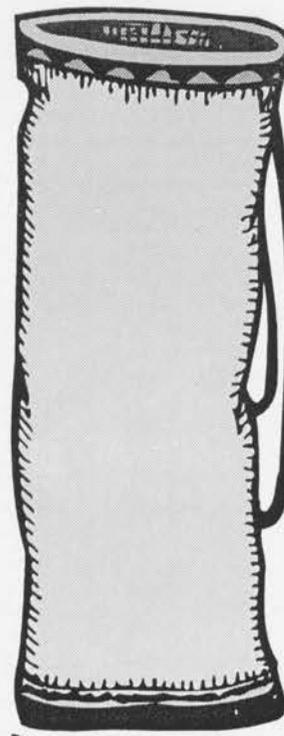


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RollCall:

Present - Abbott, Billette, Cooney, McMullen, Schwehofer
 Absent - Ford, Fouty, King, McKinley, Shreve. Kay Patrick, new Executive Secretary beginning Jan. 2004, was also in attendance.

FINANCE (King)

May Assn svgs: \$23,748.79 May Fdtn svgs: \$2,153.50
 May Assn chkg: \$3,609.91 May Fdtn chkg: \$1,784.26

WEBSITE (Schwehofer)

Presentation will be made October 13 at Annual mtg (CC of Detroit). 275 members have paid the \$25 assessment. Board will be personally contacting the remaining 75, requesting their payment. Members will not be allowed to attend any association events until their assessment has been paid.

MEMBERSHIP (McMullen)

Total membership- 403; Applications- 2; Reinstatements- 1

SOCIAL (McMullen/Billette)

Couples Golf Outing- Cancelled due to lack of participation.

Tiger Baseball Game - Date: July 25

Tickets Ordered: 75 Reservations: 20

Reminder will be e-mailed and mailed out 7/3.

Holiday Party - Date & Site: TBD

FUNDRAISING

GOLF DAY (Ford/Fouty)

Sites will be regional this year...North, South, East, West. Dinner will be held at the individual golf sites, eliminating long drive at end of day. Flyers will be inserted in Mid-Summer Issue of *POG*.

THE GAM AND GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

GOLF AND RESEARCH DAY (Shreve/Billette)

New format for GAM Seminar. Attendance: 128 players
 Tour of Hancock Ctr. research stops, "On Course Quiz" and "Top 10 Booklet" were well received.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD ELECTION

(Abbott)

President - Fritz McMullen

Vice President - Bob King

Sec./Treas. - Dan Billette

Director (3 positions) - Scot Gardiner, Aaron McMaster, Randy Malburg, Brian Schwehofer

WELFARE (King)

Norman Brown, retired Superintendent, passed away in June. Card and flowers were sent and a memorial donation was sent to Michigan Turfgrass Foundation.

GCSAA DELEGATE

Tim Dorner will remain delegate for this coming election and will be attending the Fall Delegates meeting in Kansas in Sept. Brian Schwehofer has accepted the position of alternate delegate.

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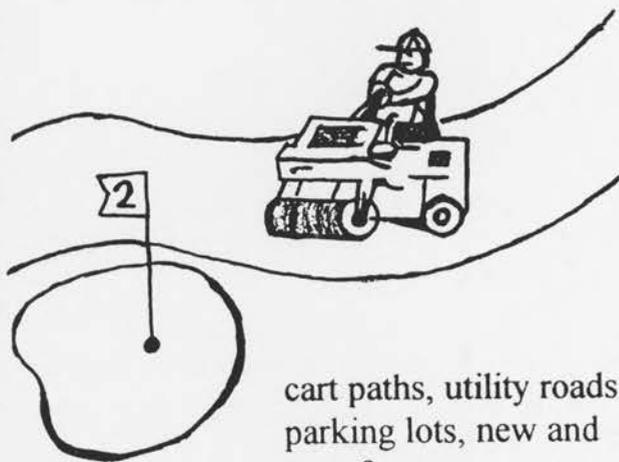
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- Oct. 13 Annual Business Meeting - Country Club of
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- Nov. TBA GCSAA Regional Seminar - Site & Topic
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- Dec. TBA Superintendents Only Roundtable
Discussion - Site TBA
- Dec. TBA GDGCSA Holiday Party (Spouse outing) -
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- Aug. 19 Meeting @ Atlas Valley Country Club
- Sept. 15 Fall Fundraiser @ The Wyndgate - The West
Wind
- Oct. 15 Annual Meeting @ The Fortress

NORTHERN MICHIGAN TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

- Sept. 8 Up North Scramble - Boyne Highlands
- Oct. 7 Tuck Tate Championship - Annual Meeting
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