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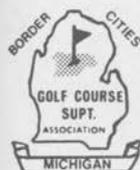


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Clarence Wolfrom, left, receiving GCSAA Outstanding Service Award trophy from GCSAA president, Richard Malpass.

## GCSAA hosts Golden Anniversary

Celebrating "Fifty Years of Progress," of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), some 600 people convened at the Sylvania (Ohio) Country Club, September 13 to mark the occasion. Joining the GCSAA members were dignitaries from the Association, presidents of the Club Managers Association of America, National Golf Foundation, American Society of Golf Course Architects, and Golf Course Builders of America, representatives of the PGA and USGA, governmental representatives and the evening's featured speaker, Arnold Palmer.

As the birthplace of the Association, exactly 50 years earlier, GCSAA



returned to the suburban Toledo course for its activities which included day long demonstrations of olden time greenkeeping equipment and displays of photographs, early handtools and golf equipment. In addition to the older equipment, attention was given to contrasts provided by the most modern items available today for golf course management.

Helping make the day a fine occasion were the many people from throughout the continent who had played an important role in the organization's development. Six of the original charter members, 16 past



The beginning of the three-gang mower.



The 50th Anniversary plaque at Sylvania C.C.

presidents and many long-time members joined some of the Association's newest members in the day's activities.

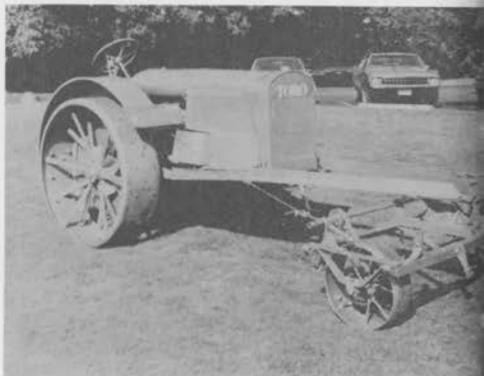
At the banquet which culminated the day's activities, GCSAA President Richard W. Malpass, CGCS, presented 11 special trophies to the Outstanding Service Award recipients. The trophy a gold plated putting cup, mounted in a solid walnut base, was inscribed with the name of the recipient, recognizing each one as an outstanding contributor to the Association's and profession's tremendous success and growth.

President Malpass also read a letter received from President Gerald Ford, congratulating the Association on its anniversary. President Ford noted the tremendous growth of the sport's popularity and added, "Much of the credit for this goes to you whose dedication and concern for perfection have made our courses into beautiful and reliable playing areas. The imagination and energy you bring to your tasks assures our nation's golf enthusiasts of the world's finest courses."

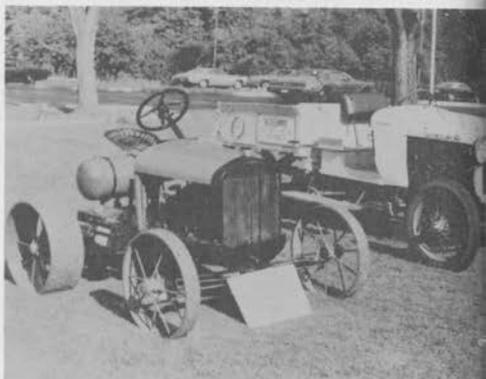
In his keynote address which concluded the celebration, Arnold Palmer also recognized the superintendent's important role in the progress of the game and challenged the more than 530 people present to continue working for its future. He said that although some ask him when he is going to retire now that he has not won a tournament in some time, he feels that as with all activities and concerns, he must continue in his chosen field, and encourages everyone else to work in a similar spirit.



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## MBCGCSA TEAM MEMBERS AT SYLVANIA C.C.



Ward Swanson, Association team member, at Sylvania C.C., Toledo, Ohio.



Fritz McMullen. Association team member, at Golden Anniversary Celebration.

Ward Swanson and Fritz McMullen teamed up with George and Bob Preiskorn to take second place in the GCSAA

Golden Anniversary golf tourney at Sylvania Country Club (Patch of Green, October 1976).



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L to R: George Prieskorn, MBCGCSA president and member of the International GCSAA team, Frank Lamphier, Palmer Maples, and Bob Mitchell.



## GCSAA Team Wins International Tourney

While attending the Second British Turf Symposium October 5 in London, a team representing the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) finished first in the Second International Greenkeepers and Superintendents Golf Tournament.

Team members were Palmer Maples Jr., team captain, Decatur, Ga.; Charles H. Fatum Jr., Stamford, Conn.; George W. Prieskorn, Brighton, Mich.; and Thomas C. Hamilton, Dallas, Texas.

The GCSAA team scored an 89 in the three ball better ball, 36-hole tournament, played October 6 at the Walton Heath Golf Club in the South London suburb of Walton Heath and Epsom Surrey. Second place was won by the Republic of Ireland with a score of 81, followed by the Canadian team with 80. Others countries competing in the tournament were Scotland, England, Wales, Belgium, Europe and Northern Ireland.

The basis of the competition was the Stableford system, based on a point scale: the best team member's score for each hole was given one point for a bogie, two for par, three for a birdie, four for an eagle and five for a double eagle, with the greatest number of points winning.

A four-month drought followed by six weeks of rain just before the tournament made for some unusual course conditions at Walton Heath. Grass was sparse in some areas because of the earlier lack of rain, while in other areas heather grew two to six inches high as a result of recent rains.

Maples said, "On some holes, the heather made play difficult for our team members, but the greens, although softer than what we are used to, were easier to play. We played excellent team golf, though, and everyone had a birdie on at least one hole."

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# 1977 GCSAA Golf Tournament to be held in California

The 1977 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be played on the magnificent Monterey Peninsula in California on Feb. 3 and 4, immediately before the Portland Conference and Show. The tournament courses are Spyglass Hill and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Dunes Course, two of the finest golf courses on the peninsula.

The tournament will be 36-hole stroke play, open to GCSAA members, exhibitors, and club officials and guests of GCSAA members. Registration must be accomplished in advance; the forms and complete tournament information will be in members' Conference brochures, which will be mailed about Oct. 1. Check-in will be Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 9:00 a.m. to

6:30 p.m. at the Monterey Holiday Inn, which will be the tournament headquarters hotel. Housing forms will be sent to all players as their registrations are received. Players will be housed at the Holiday Inns in Monterey and Carmel.

The Victory Banquet, at which trophies and prizes will be awarded, will be Feb. 4 at the Monterey Holiday Inn.

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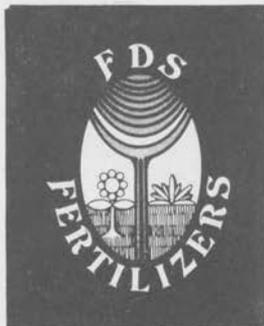
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George Prieskorn, Superintendent of Burroughs Farm Golf Club, Brighton, Michigan, was re-elected President of the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association, at the annual meeting on October 13, 1976, at Maple Lane Golf Club, Warren, Michigan.

Re-elected Vice President for the coming year is Clem Wolfrom, Superintendent of Detroit Golf Club, Detroit, Michigan. Also re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for 1977 was Bob Hope, Superintendent, The Lochmoor Club, Grosse Point Woods, Michigan.

The two new Directors of the Association elected to three-year

1977 MBCGCSA Officers, left to right: Back row; Jim Timmerman, Director; Bruce Wolfrom, Director; Clem Wolfrom, Vice President; George Prieskorn, President; Jay Delcamp, newly elected Director; Gerald Gill, President Emeritus. Front row; Bob Hope, Secretary-Treasurer; Walter Trombley, re-elected Director; Roger Gill, Director, Ward Swanson, Director.

terms are Walter Trombley, Superintendent, Arrowhead Golf Club, Lake Orion, Michigan, who was re-elected, and Jay Delcamp, Superintendent, Gowanie Golf Club, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

The one retiring Board member was Don LaFond, Superintendent, Bay Pointe Golf Club.

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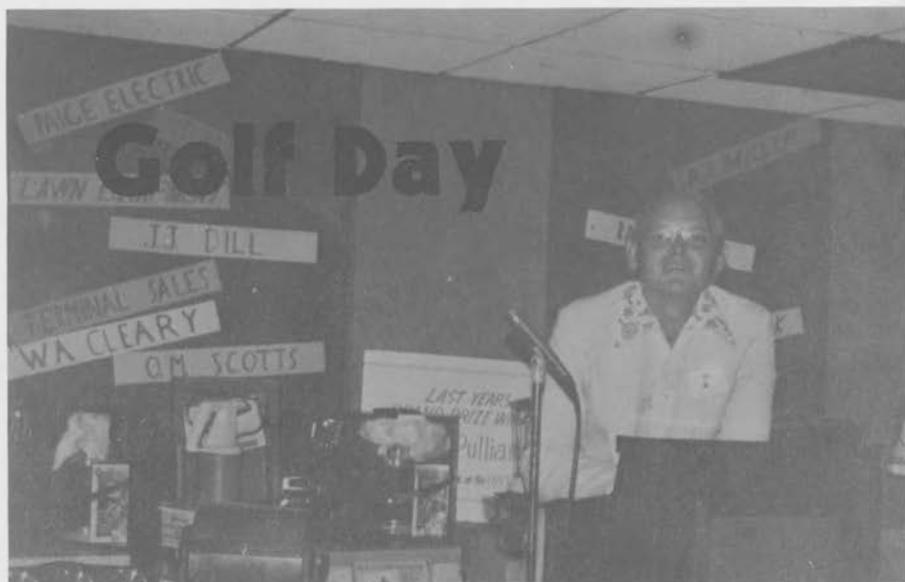


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Chairman of the Golf Day event, Bruce Wolfrom, Supt. Barton Hills C.C. Ann Arbor, Michigan

Golf Day! It happened again September 20, after months of planning. A record crowd of 192 took part in the tournament this year. Ward Swanson and Jim Couzens kept careful watch over the event and when the scores were in, the following people were shown to be successful:

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Jay Homicz  
Wally Hill

Third Place Team:

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Bill Fraser

Fourth Place Team:

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Dan Taszek  
Bob Comeau  
Paul Quaglia

The highlight of the day came when Clarence Wolfrom, after 50 years of golf, got his first hole-in-one. This historic event took place on the third hole at Bay Pointe. Congratulations, Clarence! To celebrate the occasion, Clarence made a generous contribution to Golf Day. We thank him.

Dr. Joe Vargas did a fine job as emcee for the evening program. One of his duties for the evening was to announce the winner of the raffle. Richard Viknanek won the 1976 Dodge Aspen. Richard purchased his winning ticket at the Flower Show at Cobo Hall this spring. Dr. Vargas also announced the winners of the many door prizes. Thanks for an entertaining evening, Joe.

We had a very successful fundraiser this year, giving us over \$6500 to donate to the Michigan Turf Foundation. It is heartwarming to see men with one thing in common, a love for golf, to join forces and work together to support turf research at Michigan State University.

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## GCSAA Team Cont.

Rain and 25-mile-an-hour winds hampered play in the morning round, but the weather cleared for the afternoon. The GCSAA team was 10 under par for the first round and three under for the second.

Following the tournament, a banquet and awards ceremony was held at the Walton Heath Clubhouse. Buy Catchpole, general marketing manager for Ransomes, Sims and Jeffries, presented a silver serving dish to the U.S. team. Members of the first, second and third place teams received inscribed tankards.

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### Golf Day Cont.

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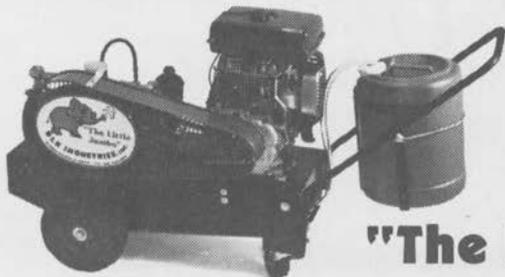
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The speakers are experts in turfgrass and management from around the country, and they represent colleges and universities, industry, golf course superintendents, and turf and seed growers. They will address

subjects that revolve around the theme of the Conference, "Turfgrass Management: A Synergistic Approach."

The 57 session speakers who will address the 20 formal educational sessions will cover such topics as golf course construction and rebuilding, water usage, effluent water, diseases, insects, soil testing, grass seed and turfgrass production, care of turfgrass, management aspects of the superintendent's job, fertilizers and other chemicals, irrigation and more.

The keynote speaker is Heywood Hale Broun, a noted sports writer and commentator, who will address the Conference at its opening session on Monday, Feb. 7, 1977. His topic is "The Role of the Big Game in Society."

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## GCSAA Conference Cont.

Four preconference seminars which will be offered Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6, will feature nine speakers, most of them university professors.

Beginning Monday afternoon, Feb. 7, 20 educational sessions will be offered concurrently, so conferees can participate in the discussions and lectures that interest them.

Michigan speakers will be: George Prieskorn, Superintendent, Burroughs Farm Golf Club, Brighton; Dr. Paul E. Rieke, professor, Michigan State University, East Lansing; James W. Timmerman, Superintendent, Orchard Lake Country Club, Orchard Lake; Dr. Joseph M. Vargas Jr., associate professor, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

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Clarence Wolfrom is a happy man after his hole-in-one at Bay Pointe Golf Club on hole 13 during Golf Day. A tree stopped him from going out-of-bounds and kicked the ball back on the green for an ACE. Congratulations !! Take it any way you can get it.

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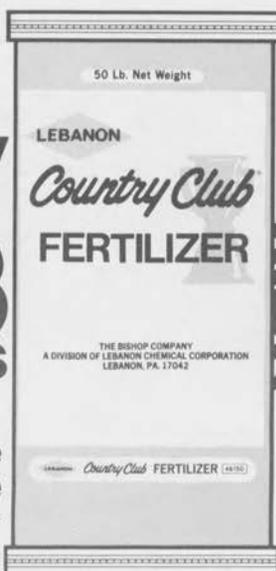
has been published by the Michigan State University Press, a nonprofit organization. Financial assistance in publishing the book was given by the O.J. Noer Research Foundation, United States Golf Association Green Section Research and Education Fund, The Michigan Golf Association, and The Michigan Seniors Golf Association. Turfgrass professionals interested in purchasing a copy should contact Mr. Lyle Blair, Michigan State University Press, Harrison Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48824. Advance orders are being taken now.

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B.E. Day, Prof. Plant Physiology  
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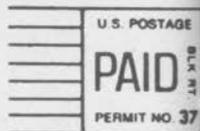
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