

WESTERN VIEWS

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1994 Meeting Schedule

- June 13.....Arbor Hills, joint meeting w/MBCGCSA and golf
- July 12.....Winters Creek G.C., meeting and golf
- Aug. 9.....Forest Hills G.C., afternoon coffee
- Aug. 10.....The Moors G.C., morning coffee
- Aug. 11.....Marywood G.C., afternoon coffee
- Sept. 12.....Battle Creek G.C., Golf Day
- Oct. 4.....Silver Lake C.C., Annual Meeting and golf
- Oct. 25.....Equipment Managers Seminar*

*Date or sight still pending

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a great spring to get many things done. So far this year we have not used our irrigation much. Disease pressure has been virtually non-existent. And of course, since everything is done, there probably will be a great turn out at Arbor Hills for our joint meeting with the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association this month. In the past Arbor Hills has been a great meeting place, and fun event to attend. Please try to attend this meeting. Well, I do not have everthing done, so back to it, so I can make the next meeting. See you there!!

Harry Scheumann CGCS
President

Editors Note: Please write me if you have any corrections or if you are interested in doing an article for us at:

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APRIL MEETING

Many people attended the first meeting and golf outing of the year held at Blythefield Country Club. The golf course was in great shape. The weather cooperated to make the golf outing enjoyable. Tim Smith, Steve Ledbetter, Ted Kasel, and Clint Ovren took 1st place. Fred Anderson, Harry Schuemann, EJ Harrington, and Jim Granfield came in 2nd. Randy Rogers, Steve Fiorillo, Bob Borgman were the 3rd place winners. Tim Smith took low gross. Congratulations to the winners!!

The first meeting of the year went great. The lunch was very nice. The golf outing was a fun time. Thank you to Doug Boyle and Blythefield Country Club for hosting this event.

MAY MEETING

Grand Haven Golf Club held the May meeting. The day started out rainy, but the rain quit as the day progressed. The golf course was in great shape for the golfing event. Long drive went to Jeff Hopkins. Closest to the pin was Dan Sruba. Steve Ledbetter took 1st place. Mark Graef came in 2nd. Gene Kaye and John Tarpley were the 3rd and 4th place winners. Dave Lazzari and Forest Johnson were the 5th and 6th place winners. Congratulations to the winners!! Winners please contact Steve Tedhams (616)949-8330.

Everyone in attendance at the meeting had a good time. Thank you to Louie Krepp and The Matthews for a nice lunch, and hosting this meeting.

REMINDER: Everyone please support your organization and attend the June and July meetings.

CHANGES

Kevin Henley moved to Hidden Valley in Gaylord as Superintendent.

Dean Mowery filled Kevin's position at Crystal Springs. Dean did his internship at Crystal Springs. He is a 4 year graduate of Michigan State University. He won a scholarship from Michigan Border Cities.

Jason Larabee is the new Assistant Superintendent at Silver Lake Country Club.

CLASSIFIED AD'S

Various Irrigation parts for sale. Toro Heads, Rainbird Satellite and Heads, etc. Contact Kevin Whelp at Muskegon Country Club (616) 759-0695.

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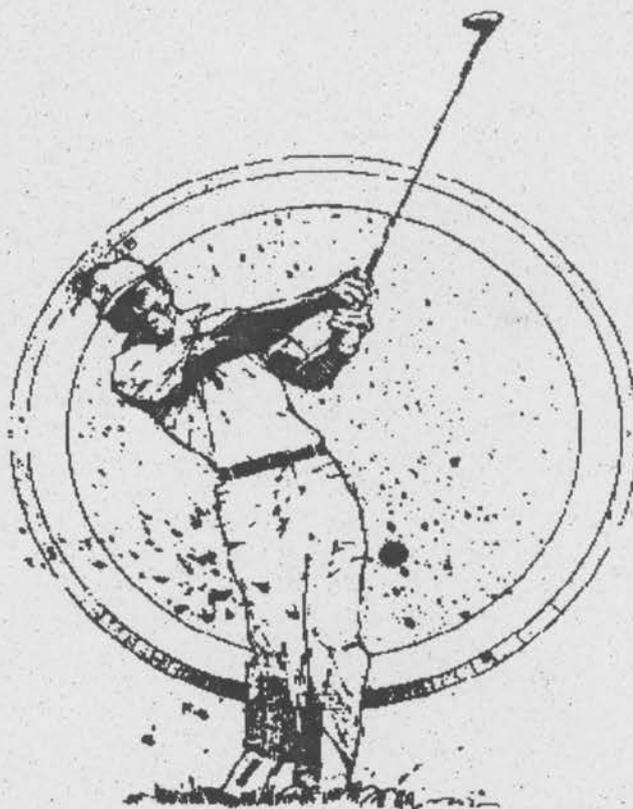
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