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President's Message

In a discussion recently with a few other superintendents it was mentioned how many of us do similar projects and have very similar duties and areas of responsibilities at the golf courses where we are employed. We thought it would be a great time saver if we came up with a bulletin or hand out that would list the nondirect turf companies that we frequently use for our everyday operations. These would be listed under general titles i.e. electrical contractors, fence contractors, automotive suppliers etc. Possibly a short note behind the companies name

listing what type of service they did for your business and your name would be helpful. Some may not need an explanation i.e. Joes Auto Electrical Service, just your name and the companies phone number. This sounded like a good idea to us. What's your opinion, and do you have any suggestions? If so please give me or a board member a call. We welcome your ideas and its a chance to help your fellow association members.

Thanks, Harry Schuemann

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at Silver Lake Country Club on Tuesday October 4th. The group enjoyed a fine round of golf on the blustery fall day. The golf course was in great shape, thanks to Tom McGuinness and his crew. The general membership was informed of the sound financial standing the organization is in, the update on the Bruce Matthews Scholarship, a brief note on Golf Day, and the Annual Fall Party. The members then voted on the two new members for the Board of Directors and the President, Vice President, and Secretary Treasurer for the coming terms. Kathy Antaya and Mike Herbst will be the new Directors and Harry Schuemann President, Paul Schippers Vice President and Keith Paterson as Secretary Treasurer rounded out those chosen to serve. A big thanks to the out going board members. Before the voting got under way we also enjoyed a tasty steak lunch. Our compliments to the staff at Silver Lake Country Club in helping us make it a Great Day!

W.M.G.C.S.A. 1994 Golf Day

The Annual Golf Day for the Western Michigan Superintendents Organization was held at Battle Creek Country Club this year. There was not an alternate course this year as in years past but this did not take away from the event at all. As you know the golf day is held with state turfgrass research dollars in mind and as in the past the proceeds were all donated to the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation for on going research projects. This year a total of \$7,000 was donated from the days activities. There was a morning and afternoon shotgun with a before golf snack and an after golf dinner for each group. The host club was very accommodating with the golf course in

excellent shape and the food service in top form. A very special thanks to the Battle Creek Country Club Members, the staff and E.J. Harrington for hosting this years Golf Day.

Classified

For Sale: 1976 Jacobson 6 blade, 7 gang pull behind Fairway Mowers, \$3,500; 1989 Case Tractor Model 485 with ROPS and cab, 2100 hrs. \$8,000. Call A-Ga-Ming: 616/264-5081 or 5292.

For Sale: 1987 Jacobsen Greensking Diesel with groomers. Call Michael Morris: 616/352-4241.

For Sale: 1972 Toro Greensmower 14 H.P. Less than 100 hrs on rebuild, w/ extra frame & hydr., 3 reels w/frames, etc. \$2300 Call Brian Murphy, Eagle Creek 673-8261, 650-0010(car), 521-6108(home)

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Annual Fall Party

The annual fall party is coming up fast! It looks as though it should be a good one. Steve Tedhams and many others have put a lot of time into everything from picking the entertainment to selecting the evening's entree. The party host is Spring Lake Country Club. The party will be held on **November 4th** and if you haven't received an invitation contact Steve Tedhams at 949-8330. See you there for an evening of fun and entertainment!

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Mechanics Corner

Gary Spahr C.G.C.S. at Cedar Chase G. C. had an interesting tip for us about the drive linkage on the Jacobson LF 100's that seem to wear out more frequently than desired. Gary has his crew lube the machine on other points as it's called for in the service manual, but instead of the 30 weight oil that's recommended in the manual they use a small squirt can of the sprayable white lube grease on the drive linkage each time the machine is washed off. Not enough to build up and collect dirt just enough to keep the linkage from binding up. He's had good results, he has not replaced a drive linkage all season! Amazing what kind of information you can pick up at a superintendent's meeting.



Happy Hunting!



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