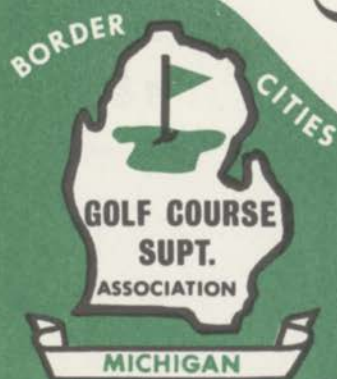


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# golf day

Chairman, Jim Vlassis, announced at the annual meeting that the final figure from the Golf Day Benefit was \$8,000.00.

Jim and his various committees are to be congratulated for their devoted efforts in making this the most successful tournament of its kind in the country. A check for \$8,000.00 will be presented to the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. Congratulations to all that participated in this, the 9th Annual Golf Day Benefit.

It was also pointed out in the report that 45 percent of our total membership did not participate in anyway in this endeavor. In other words, only 55% of our membership cares about our future.



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*Some of the prizes given away at the Golf Day Benefit at Bay Pointe Golf Club in September.*



*Dr. Vargas, emcee of the Golf Day, reading off names drawn for prizes. President Jerry Gill, to the right, watching very carefully to make sure Joe keeps things on the up and up.*



*The happy, hard working Golf Day Committee. L - R: George Prieskom, Clem Wolfrom, co-chairman, Bruce Wolfrom, Fritz McMullen, Jim Vlassis, chairman, seated - Jerry Gill, President.*

# 46th INTERNATIONAL TURFGRASS GCSAA CONFERENCE AND SHOW

## FEBRUARY 16-21, 1975 NEW ORLEANS

A totally re-designed GCSAA Conference educational program will offer golf course superintendents and others interested in the management of fine golf turfgrass a unique opportunity to become better informed professionals.

Beginning Saturday, February 15, recognized leaders will present two days of in-depth information in GCSAA's Pre-Conference Seminars, Management I — Financial Decision Making, and Pesticide I — Principles of Chemical Usage. These seminars will be offered on a separate pre-registration basis (\$40 for GCSAA members or \$60 for non-members).

Another new offering at this year's Conference will be the Association's Certification Examination. Given Sunday, February 16, and again on Friday, February 21, eligible members who have made the normal prior arrangements with the headquarters office may complete the six-hour test requirements of the program. Those tested Sunday may make a Thursday afternoon appointment to review their results. Re-testing on previously incompleting sections will also be available.

Perhaps the greatest alteration to the GCSAA Conference and Show will be the week-long educational program. With more than 40 speakers in concurrent general and special interest sessions, Conference registrants will have greater flexibility in choosing sessions that personally interest them. General educational assemblies on topics such as governmental relations with OSHA and EPA officials, the general manager concept and turf management; or special interest sessions on landscaping, personal finance, people relations, communications, etc., will provide everyone greater latitude in improving themselves.

Opening Tuesday morning, and running through Thursday afternoon, GCSAA's Turfgrass Industry Show promises to provide superintendents and club officials the latest information available from the country's leading manufacturers and sales staff. Nearly 100,000 square feet of exhibit space will be filled by approximately 160 firms, displaying their products and introducing new items of interest to turfgrass specialists, as they answer technical questions.

Wednesday afternoon of Conference week will be devoted to the Association's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Reports requiring membership action, and items introduced by the membership will be acted upon at this important meeting. In addition, GCSAA's 1975 President, Vice President and Directors will be elected.

Closing out the week will be a tour of turfgrass facilities in the area Friday morning. Registering separately for this event, those on the tour will be given a first-hand look at Southern operations as they travel to several different operations and points of interest.

While the members are attending educational sessions, the exhibits or meetings, their wives will be treated to the finest of New Orleans. Special tours to interesting sites in the city and surrounding areas will be available to the ladies. A Hospitality Center will also be open throughout the week in the Headquarters Hotel so the ladies can meet for their tours, renew acquaintances or simply relax.

Social activities have not been forgotten at GCSAA's 46th Annual Conference. The traditional Monday evening get-together and Thursday's Annual Banquet and Dance will offer memorable entertainment, food and fun.

Preceding GCSAA's Conference and Show in New Orleans will be the Association's Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled this year for Pensacola, Florida. The men will challenge two area golf courses Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14, while the ladies will be hosted at a third area course.

Conference registration will remain at \$15 for members and their wives, or \$35 for non-members. Banquet tickets will be the normal \$10, with daily show passes staying at \$5.

Conference materials will be sent to individuals on your request by completing and returning the form below.

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## Nominating Committee Announcement

Making the official announcement, Nominating Committee Chairman Keith Nisbet, Westview GC, Gromley, Ontario, stated that current GCSAA Vice President Palmer Maples, Jr., of the Standard Club, Atlanta, Ga., has been nominated by the committee to run for Association President at the 1975 Annual Meeting's election of officers.

Nominated to run for Vice President are two current Directors, Richard W. Malpass, Riverside G&CC, Portland, Ore., and Theodore (Ted) W. Woehrle, Oakland Hills CC, Birmingham, Mich.

Running for the three Director positions will be Mike R. Baviar, Inverness GC, Palatine, Ill.; George W. Cleaver, Chestnut Ridge CC, Lutherville, Md.; Louis D. Haines, Denver CC, Denver, Colo.; Roger A. Larson, Del Monte Properties Co., Pebble Beach, Calif., and Gordon C. Witteveen, Board of Trade CC, Woodbridge, Ontario.

Serving on the committee in addition to Nisbet were D. William Adams, Ks.; Richard H. Eichner, Calif.; Carlton E. Gipson, Tx.; and John J. Perry, CGCS, Ct.

The election will be held at The Rivergate in New Orleans on Wednesday, February 19.

## Christmas Party

Chairman, Jerry Gill, announced the date of the Christmas Party as Friday, December 6, 1974.

Once again it will be held at The Edgewood Country Club, Union Lake, Michigan.

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# New MBCGCSA Officers

Here are your new Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association Officers and Directors:

Jerry Gill, Superintendent of Tam-O-Shanter Country Club, Orchard Lake, Michigan, was re-elected President of the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association, at the annual meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 1974, at Maple Lane Golf Club, Warren, Michigan.

Re-elected Vice President for the coming year is George Prieskorn, Superintendent of Burroughs Farm Golf Club, Brighton, Michigan. Also re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for 1975 was Bob Hope, Superintendent, The Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

The two new Directors of the Association elected to three-year terms are Bruce Wolf from, Superintendent, Barton Hills Country Club, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Roger Gill,

Superintendent, Pine Lake Country Club, Walled Lake, Michigan, was re-elected for a second term.

The one retiring Board member was Al Kaltz, Superintendent, Maple Lane Golf Club, Warren, Michigan.

## Committee Chairmen Appointed

President, Jerry Gill, Superintendent, Tam-O-Shanter C.C., appointed the following committee chairmen:

Education	Bill Milne
Arrangements	Don LaFond
Golf	George Prieskorn
ByLaws	Jim Vlassis
Publicity	Roger Gill
Membership	Bob Hope
Christmas	Jerry Gill
Golf Day Chrmn.	Bruce Wolf from
Vice Chairman	Jim Vlassis
The Patch of Green	Ted Woehrle
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## 50th Anniversary

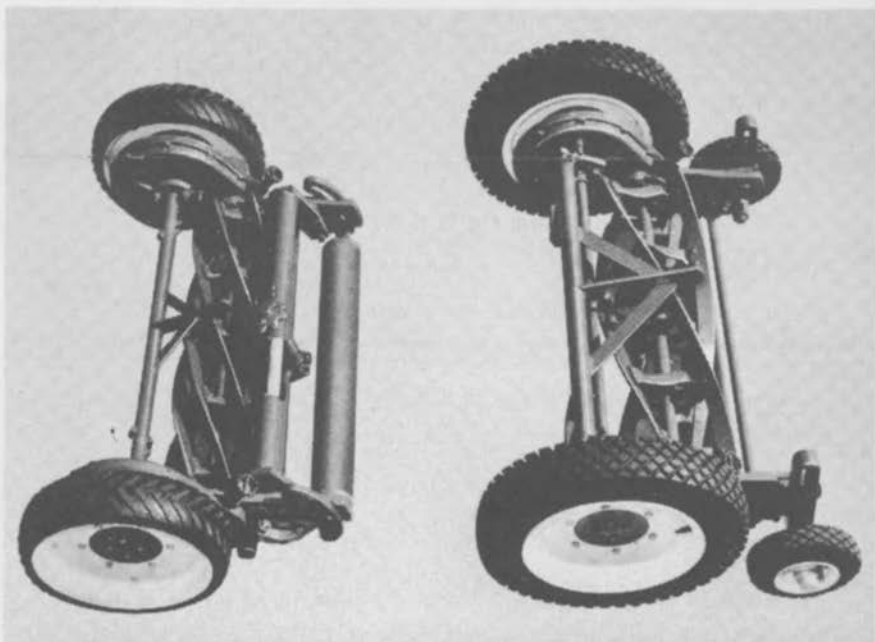
Our chapter will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary this coming year.

The Michigan & Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association was formed in September, 1924. It is the oldest affiliated chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

A committee has been formed to plan various festivities for the entire year with thoughts toward a celebration sometime during the year. Clem Wolf from and George Prieskorn are going to co-chair this committee. Any and all help will be appreciated.

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# Make Meeting Reservation

Chairman, Don LaFond of the arrangements committee mentioned in his report at the annual meeting that many members are not making reservations in advance of our meetings. A request to make reservations is made in the announcements for each meeting.

Failure to do this simple thing, has cost our association over \$200.00 this year. We must pay guarantees for some meetings if they are not met. Please cooperate in this matter.

It was also pointed out that several of our members have not paid their accounts at some of the Clubs that were hosting our meetings. The association has also paid these unpaid bills. This cost our association over \$300.00.

If this continues, we can all expect a dues increase to cover these shortages.

It wouldn't be fair to saddle the entire membership with the responsibility of covering payments owed by just a few inconsiderate members.

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## Committees Need Help

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  4. Repeat step 3 to check drainage.
  5. Starting again at the water source and working toward the end of each lateral, crack the drain valves slightly to be sure air and no water escapes. Close the drain, wait a minute, and repeat. Water may have collected at the low points. Note: Drains and standing surface water usually

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#### Pumphouse Drainage

The basic piping system is now drained and special attention is needed to properly drain the pump-house. One small slip at this state of drainage could be very expensive.

#### 6. Pumphouse drainage:

- A. Starting at the discharge line in the pumphouse wall, trace the flow of water in the piping through gate valves and check valves, and open necessary drains.
- B. Drain pump volutes by removing the bottom plug or opening drainage cock.
- C. Remove or drain suction drop pipe.

D. Remove water from pressure reducing valve covers by blowing out or loosening cover bolts.

E. Turn pump motors off and protect windings against possible rodent nesting.

F. Drain water from pressure gauges, switches, tank sight glasses, tank air chargers, and other special items subject to freeze in pumphouse.

7. Program automatic valves to operate once a day for 5 minutes to prevent the solenoid plunger from sticking and reduce the moisture in the solenoid coil and automatic controller contacts.

Before going out and renting an air compressor and blowing your system, take several hours with your blueprint and the above procedure. Write down in sequence the steps you plan to take when you start actual drainage. The steps can be listed by thinking of yourself as entering the pipeline at the source of water and your job is to push the water out on top of the ground as you move through the pipe. What routes will you have to follow to push all of the water out the dead end of every line? The same route you took entering the pipes at the source to get to the dead ends must be followed by the wall of air you will put into the system when blowing out.

Frost damage repairs have got to rate near the top of the bad job list. In addition they occur at a critical time of year from a manpower standpoint, and can cause several weeks of anguish if the dirt is not properly flushed after the repair is made. Now is the time to think about any necessary pump and sprinkler repair required for next year's operation. Get the necessary part on order and make the repairs conveniently in the winter rather than wait for the spring rush.

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## GCSAA Chemical Usage Seminar

As the Environmental Protection Agency's October, 1976 deadline for certification of all pesticide applicators moves steadily closer, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), is continuing its efforts to prepare all of its members for these crucial examinations.

According to the latest information from Washington, D.C., many states are well ahead of the time frame established by the federal office for the implementation of testing and certifying of applicators. In fact, certification examinations are being given in several states, with more stringent requirements expected in the near future at state levels.

GCSAA has either presented or planned a total of nine offerings of its comprehensive seminar. "Principles of Chemical Usage." Beginning immediately, all seminar participants will receive a personal copy of GCSAA's new Pesticide Usage Reference Manual, designed especially for golf course superintendents to meet the needs established by the EPA requirements. After being reviewed by the GCSAA Educational Advisory Council of nine leading university turfgrass personnel, they termed the publication one of the best collections of comprehensive pesticide information they had seen.

The manual has been organized according to the current EPA requirements, with each of the seven sections separated by tabs to facilitate easier use of the publication. Included in the manual are sections on labels, safety,

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