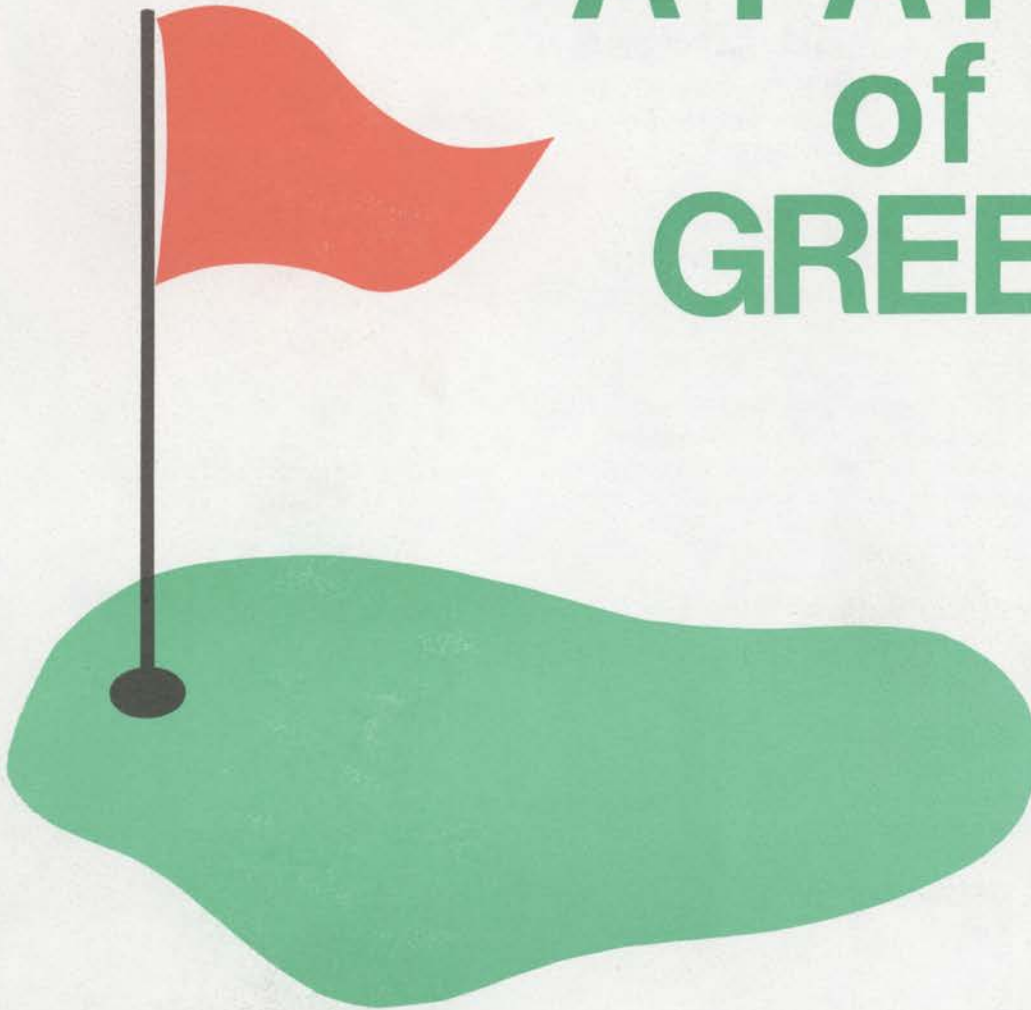


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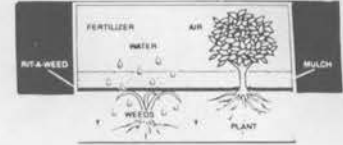


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association has long been an active, innovative and proud association. Because of our long-standing efforts, we have earned the respect of our peers throughout the country. Many of our own leaders have achieved national prominence by being chosen to lead the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Why has our association long been considered one of the best?

The strength of this (or any association) comes from the collective resolve of its individual members. It was the lofty goals and dedicated efforts of our predecessors that laid our foundation. From year to year, the ambition and work ethic was passed from one Board of Directors to the next.

It is now the duty of the present Board to carry the baton. Fortunately for me and thanks to you, you have elected a great group of individuals to serve on the Board who are committed to resolute progress. Together we have established an aggressive agenda to renovate nearly every Committee. But in spite of our resolve, we need the continued guidance and support from our membership to help keep our association near the top of the class.

Our association has grown to nearly 350 members but only one-quarter are considered "active" participants. We certainly have the potential to accomplish more but we need additional commitment. We appreciate the time and effort offered by so many of our members throughout the years. The association simply could not function without their help. To those of you who have not yet stepped forward, we need you. A broader base of effort and thought is needed. Please feel free to serve on any Committee or to share your opinions with any one of us at any time. We can only remedy our short-comings by knowing what they may be.

As we focus and look brightly to the future, we would be remiss to not look back and gratefully thank our predecessors whose proud achievements and dedication we look to emulate. Their countless hours of service will not be forgotten.

The cast has been set, the torch has been passed. Let us continue to set examples, be the trendsetters. Our refusal to accept mediocrity and our desire to excel will fuel the vision needed to be tomorrow's leaders.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to be your President.

Sincerely,

**Ken DeBusscher**



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## 1992 GCSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's National Tournament held in Pointe Verde, Florida February 8-11th proved to be an excellent venue for several superintendents from the Michigan area. Most notable was the fine play of Clem Wolfrom. Clem claimed the championship in the Senior II Flight and it was well deserved. After firing an opening round of 75 on Monday and taking a 4-point lead into the second day Clem was paired with his nearest competitor and after the front nine on Tuesday his lead had vanished. Clem dug in and on the back side "played as well as I ever had at the National Tournament." His 37 on the last 9 holes carried him to a 1-point victory over Norman Wilson and his first individual championship. Harry Schuermann was net runner-up in the 2nd flight, Clint Ovren was net 13th in the 1st flight and Steve Glossinger was 6th place gross also in the first flight. There were 6 Chapter teams represented from Michigan and one of the best showings in several years was turned in by the team of Jon Maddern, Ken DeBusscher, Tim Dark and Paul Dushane. They came within one stroke of placing in the net team chapter competition. Congratulations to all prize winners and hopes for even better results next year.

**Carey Mitchelson**  
Golf Chairman MBCGCSA



# P.A.S.S.



The Pesticide Applicators Study Session was held March 30th, 31st and April 1st at Roma's of Bloomfield. Sixty-two Superintendents, assistants and employees participated in the spring workshop organized by the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association. Dr. Frank Rossi taught the three day workshop designed to prepare those who attended for the certification exam for pesticide applicators. The workshop studied the core manual on Monday, the turf category 3A on Tuesday and the Department of Agriculture gave the test on Wednesday morning.

Certification is critical now since regulation 636 was signed into law October 1, 1991. This is the law that requires every employee handling a pesticide be either a certified applicator or a registered technician. This is a change from the previous law that required a certified applicator to supervise applications.

The workshop was a success. Of the 62 people taking the exam, 70% passed the core exam and 55% passed the category 3A exam. These are pretty good numbers since the exam is more difficult now. There are one-hundred questions on the 3A turf. The workshop can be repeated if enough people are interested. Contact Mike Bay 313-626-8325 or Fritz McMullen 313-335-1410 Education Co-Chairs.



Dr. Rossi pondering on one of the many questions from the audience.



The 62 participants absorbing the information from Dr. Rossi.

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# 1992 MBCGCSA SCHOLARSHIP

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1. Candidate must be a student in the 4-Year Turf Program at MSU.
2. Candidate must have been in the 2-Year Ag. Tech. Program or have the equivalent in experience working on a golf course.
3. Candidate must have a GPA of 2.75 or above.
4. Candidate should have intentions of becoming a Golf Course Superintendent.
5. Candidate must have acquired job training experience while enrolled in the 4-Year Turf Program.
6. Candidate should be involved in other types of activities while at MSU.
7. Candidate must handle himself/herself well in the presence of his/her peers, instructors or other MBCGCSA members.
8. A representative of the MBCGCSA will visit the MSU campus the first week of November to discuss details and answer questions from candidates and other students seeking information about MBCGCSA.
9. Scholarship must be applied for by the student. Application deadline is November 15.
10. Applicants interview process will be done within the first 2 weeks of December. (Prior to break)
11. Scholarship Committee will include 4 MBCGCSA members and the head of the 4-Year Turf Department.

Next year selecting a Scholarship Recipient will begin in early November when a member of the MBCGCSA will visit the MSU campus and distribute applications for Scholarship. Information about the Scholarship and MBCGCSA will be dissused. Those students who satisfy the requirements will be encouraged to apply. Those

students interested send their applications to the Scholarship Chairman who in turn sends copies to the Scholarship Committee for review. Dates and times are then sent for the student to be interviewed in December prior to the Christmas break. The recipient to the Scholarship will receive their Award during the MSU Turf Conference in January and a plaque is to be presented to him/her at a MBCGCSA Meeting after the National Conference.

Although not all MSU students may qualify for the Scholarship we encourage all students to learn more about the MBCGCSA and offer them the opportunity to join our organization at reduced student rates. The number and quality of the students improves every year making the selection process very difficult. This year was no exception. The 1992 MBCGCSA Scholarship recipient **Thomas A. Nikolai** was one of several excellent candidates. Tom, 32, and a Lansing, Michigan resident has been employed at several courses where he has been gaining experience including Oakland Hills, Pine Lake and Lakeview Hills. He has been involved in the Turfgrass Research Field Day and has done work at the Hancock Turfgrass Research Center. Tom has maintained a 3.21 GPA while at MSU and has just recently welcomed a new baby girl into his family. Considering the events of the past few months Tom is ready for the new golf season to get under way and a chance to show his abilities.

Congratulations, Tom, and on behalf of the MBCGCSA and the Scholarship Committee we wish you luck and continued success in the Turfgrass Industry.

**Carey Mitchelson,**  
**1992 Scholarship Chairman**

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# THE JOHN WALTER AWARD

Each year "A Patch of Green" and the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association conducts a writing contest and presents an award to a member of our Association who contributes the best article to A Patch of Green. This award is determined by a panel of impartial judges appointed by A Patch of Green.

For those unfamiliar with the Award it is named in honor of **John Walter**, who passed away in 1977 after 40 years of writing about golf in the Detroit News. John covered many sports but first on his list was golf. Not surprisingly friendships with Horton Smith and Walter Hagen, his election to president of the Golf Writers Association of America in 1958, involvement with the very successful golf school in cooperation with the Michigan Section to the PGA and the popular Detroit News Hole-In-One Contest were extensions of his love for the game of golf.

During his career at The News he was regarded as one of the greatest golf writers of all time and it was his involvement with readers and their participation with The News that determined our decision to name the award in his honor. As Jack Berry states "no man on the entire reportorial staff was more involved in news readers' active participation than John Walter."

Although you may feel you have nothing important to write about, your skills in communication will always be improved with any attempt at writing. Your abilities may be better than you envisioned and the information that you can pass along to others may surprise you. Each year at the Christmas Party the winner is presented with the Award and last years winner Kevin Dushane remarked that it is only a matter of finding a few minutes and wanting to participate. Take the challenge upon yourself, write an article.

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Thanks to Ted Woehrle and Jack Berry for providing information about John Walter and his career as a sportswriter for the Detroit News.

Carey Mitchelson

Publicity and Awards Chairman

## GUIDELINES FOR THE JOHN WALTER AWARD

### PURPOSE

To recognize the most outstanding article contributed by a member of the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association which best serves his fellow members.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

**A. ELIGIBILITY:** All members of the MBCGCSA who author an article published in A Patch of Green magazine from January through November of the current year. (This years award winner will be chosen from May, July, September and November issues)

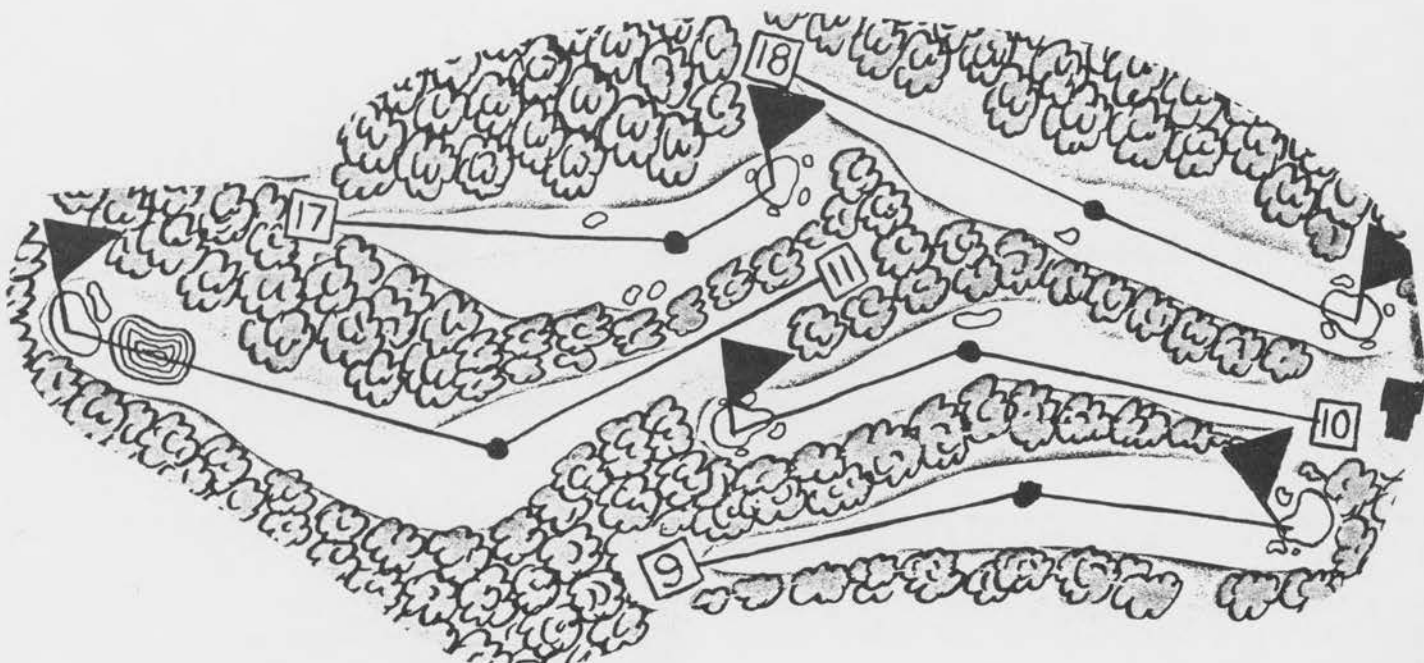
**B. JUDGES:** Shall consist of a panel appointed by A Patch of Green.

**D. AWARD/PRESENTATION:** A plaque and \$100 shall be presented annually to the recipient at the Annual Christmas Party held in December. (Or whenever possible after the winner is chosen)

**E. ARTICLES:** The following types of articles should be excluded from consideration: Letters to the editor; the Presidents Message; articles concerning current MBCGCSA activities (golf tournament results, etc.); reports on chapter activities; and articles extensively rewritten by A Patch of Green Staff or composed by the POG Staff from nominal author's spoken/written source material (e.g. tape recording).

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# MICHIGAN SKINS GAME 1992

## POINTE VERDE, FLORIDA

Once again the highlight of the GCSAA Golf Championships for our Michigan contingent was our get-together at the tournament site and the playing of our now Annual Michigan Skins Game. The Game is now in its 7th year and is gaining popularity each winter. The original format of 4-man teams competing for several different prizes as well as an overall team championship always brings out the best (and worst) of our fellow competitors and superintendents. This year was no exception and an additional day of golf was added to the event to inspire even more juices and comments.

A two-man event was held February 7th at Windsor Parke Golf Club in Jacksonville, Florida and all 24 participants had the opportunity to match up with a partner and enjoy the always interesting alternate shot format. For those unfamiliar let's just say you pray your partner shows up with his 'A' game that morning. That was the case for Gary Thommes and his partner George Prieskorn as they turned in a fine 77, making a couple birdies and no excuses on their way to winning the A-B Flight. In the C-D Flight the team of Roger Barton and Mark McKinley strolled in with a team score of 88 to take first place and comments on drawing procedures for next year. Congratulations to our winners of this first-year event and also a thanks to Virginia Panasiuk who filled a vacancy and teamed up with Jerry Prieskorn to make this not only an international but a socially correct event.

The 4-man event took place at the very difficult TPC at Sawgrass Golf Course in Pointe Verde on February 9th. Despite having nearly 300 Golf Course Superintendents on hand an early morning frost delayed tee times and sent the Golf Committee into overtime in making adjustments. After the dust had cleared and all the cards checked, two teams came in at 237. After a show of cards starting at #18 Mike Garvale, Kevin Dushane, Nick Panasiuk and Jon Maddern were determined the winners over Keith Patterson, Clint Ovren, Ken DeBusscher and Roger Barton. Steve Glossinger played very strong and was both low net and low gross individual winner. His 84 was good for a net score of 77.

Again this years game was the chief effort of Fritz McMullen and Kevin Dushane whose efforts have turned this event into something to look forward to each winter. Their work is greatly appreciated. I would like to add a special thanks to Dorinda McMullen, Carrie Longfield, Betsy Scott and Andra Gaige for their hard work and gracious hospitality as they turned their condo into tournament headquarters. Next years tournament site is in San Diego and we are already preparing to make it an outstanding event. For those who have not had the chance to participate but are interested, Fritz, Kevin or myself are available to answer any questions. We look forward to having as many players as possible.



Gary Thommes, left, and George Prieskorn, winners of two-man alternate shot tournament

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**PATRICK M. BURKE** - Vice President of Blue Chip Enterprises, Inc., which sells Isolite, a soil amendment. Wife's name is Mary Anne.

**ROBERT A. ROSENBERGER** - Assistant Superintendent at Knollwood Country Club. Wife's name is Joy.

**ROBERT J. ROSBURY, JR.** - President of Blue Chip Enterprises, Inc. Wife's name is Karen.

**HOWARD ELLIS** - Assistant Superintendent of Country Club of Detroit. Wife's name is Sophie.

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## OTHER NEW MEMBERS:

### CLASS A

**GREG CHRISTIAN** - Superintendent at Oakland Hills

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Patrick M. Burke, left, and Robert J. Rosbury, Jr.,  
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Howard Ellis, assistant at  
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Patrick J. LaBelle, left, and  
Robert A. Rosenberger

# GCSAA CONFERENCE AND SHOW

The **63rd Annual GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show** was held in New Orleans which had many highlights that involved people from our Association and the state of Michigan.

The highlight of the show was Bill Roberts, CGCS from Lochmoor Golf Club receiving the gavel and becoming the 1992 President of GCSAA. This occurred during the closing banquet which included Tom Watson receiving the Old Tom Morris Award and Kenny Rogers entertaining the audience. Bill has been a board member since 1986, serving on numerous committees and his tireless work on representing the superintendents at the government level relating to pesticide regulations. The membership is in good hands with Bill and his commitment to excellence and professionalism. Bill will be the fourth president from the MBCGCSA to hold this position. Other past presidents were Ted Woehrle 1977, Jim Timmerman 1984 and Gerald Faubel 1990.

C.E. "Tuck" Tate, CGCS received the Distinguished Service Award during the opening session. Tuck was the driving force for the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association and was Secretary-Treasurer and President for many years. He was also a past president of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. Mr. Tate's commitment and dedication to the superintendents will continue, as he has endowed a scholarship fund for MSU turfgrass students; the fund currently exceeds \$100,000.



"Tuck" Tate, CGCS addressing the audience after receiving the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award.

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Clem Wolfrom won the golf championship in the Senior II Flight and the Michigan Skins game was another highlight this week. (See related story)

The Hospitality Room was another success and an excellent meeting place to relax and talk about "old times." Chairman Mike Bay did another outstanding job of organization between the chapters to make it run smooth.

MSU alumni met along the riverfront to renew old acquaintances. A good turnout caused the local security to get nervous about a potential overzealous mob scene!

New Orleans was a very gracious host and we survived some excellent meals, some hurricanes and Bourbon Street. Next year we're at Anaheim January 23-31, 1993.



GCSAA Senior Flight II Champion, Clem Wolfrom, with Keith Patterson.

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The Michigan Room opened on Thursday, February 13, 1992 at the New Orleans Hilton Hotel. The room was adorned with a display of photographs of the Michigan Skin's Game and the name of the vendors who generously supported that event. The trophy was on display in the room along with the Michigan Room Banner.

We splurged by buying hors d'oeuvres through the Hilton. On opening night we enjoyed a cheese tray, shrimp bowl, and canapes. The look was great and it tasted pretty good too! On the following nights we purchased large cheese trays. This definitely enhanced our socializing.

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## Michigan Room, Cont.

A special thanks to the people who donated time to keep the room open. With their help we were open on Thursday from 1:00 - 5:00 pm and again from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday we opened from 5:00 - 11:00 pm. We are grateful to:

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Thanks also to those who donated time to pick up supplies outside the hotel: Mike Brannigan, Tom Brogger, Paul Dushane, Kevin Henly, Paul Kolbe, Charlie Menefee, Carey Mitchelson, Dave Pawluk, Keith Richards, Harry Schuemann, and Gary Thommes.

In honor of Paul Dushane's birthday on the 16th, Mary Andreucci and Mary Dushane decorated the room and bought a cake. The celebration was enjoyed by all. Also on Sunday, Kevin Smith and friends donated liquor and other supplies to the room. Thank you, we found them very useful.

If I've forgotten anyone for their efforts, forgive me. We enjoyed great participation and attendance each evening. Thanks to each of you helped make the Hospitality Room a success again this year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Michael Bay**

Hospitality Chairman



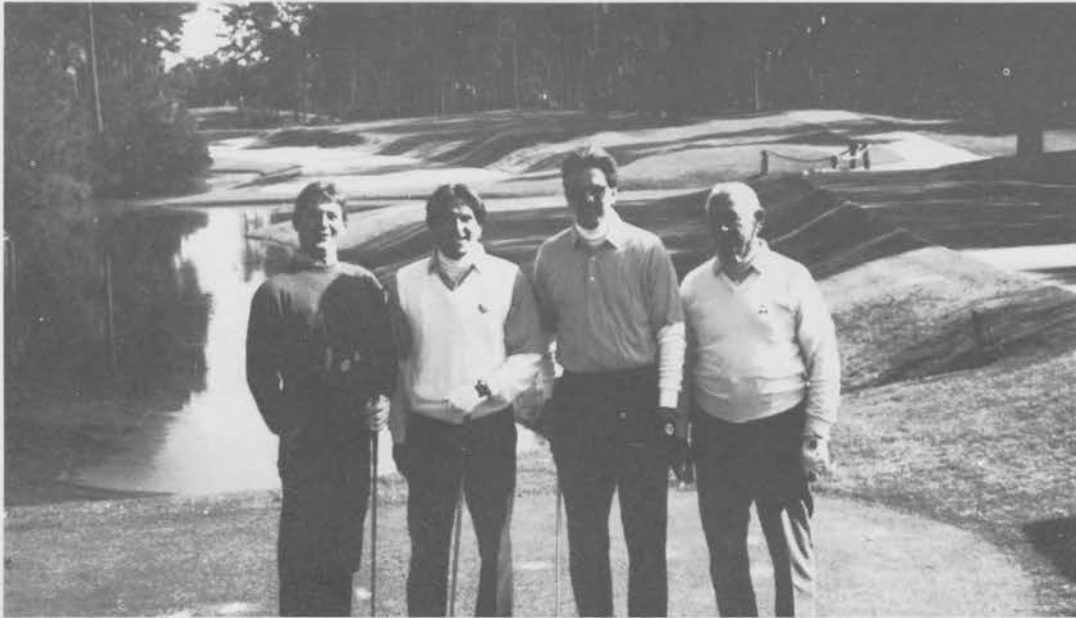
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Dr. Frank Rossi, Mark McKinley, and Dr. Jim Crum, left to right, enjoying the Michigan Room.



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1991 was a year of warmth, humidity and insect problems. The sessions related to insect control on turfgrass and ornamentals were well attended and informative. There were 10 basic schools to choose from on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday the 23rd, an environmental workshop was held, "Is It Safe," which provided in-depth training in the fundamentals of communication with employees and the media.

The Scholarships were given out to many outstanding students, recognizing their hard work in the classroom. A total of 16 different awards were given out, totalling \$34,000.

The 1992 Michigan Turfgrass Student Awards were:

**Norm Kramer Award** - Russell Horsch

**Robert Hancock Award** - Robert Golembieski

**K.T. Payne Award** - Gary Krokker

**Lawn Care Manager Award** - Mike Murray

Our own award, the **MBCGCSA Student Award** was given to Thomas Nikolai (See related story)

And the **"Tuck" Tate Awards** were given to Steve Sowatski and Greg Chapman.

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## MTF Conference, cont.

The Annual MTF Meeting was held with elections taking place. Two MBCGCSA members joined the board - Jim Timmerman of Orchard Lake Country Club and Tom Gray from Franklin Hills Country Club. Jim Bogart is the new president replacing Fritz McMullen, whose outstanding work has given the association an excellent start into the 1990's. Congratulations Fritz for your service and good luck to Jim Bogart and the rest of the board members. The MTF is growing and getting stronger. If not a member, please become one to make our profession as superintendents a more educated and informative voice to the public.

The Vendor appreciation hour was a chance to relax, mingle with friends and talk to representatives of products that would benefit your management for 1992.

The Conference is an excellent opportunity to add C.E.U.'s for the GCSAA and Michigan Department of Agriculture recertification credits at selected basic schools or sessions. Hope you signed up on the appropriate sheets and remember to keep personal records of your credits.

Conference Planning and Arrangements Committee Chairman, Jon Maddern, and his supporting cast did another excellent job in the organization and content of the 62nd Turfgrass Conference. Remember, next year's dates are early! January 5,6,7, 1993!



New President, William R. Roberts, CGCS, left,  
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**JUNE 8, 1992 - ARBOR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

**MBCGCSA MEETING WITH THE WESTERN GCSA**

**AUGUST 10, 1992 - GREAT OAKS COUNTRY CLUB**

**AUGUST 18, 1992 - PICNIC**

**AUGUST 20, 1992 - FIELD DAY AT MSU**

**OCTOBER 5, 1992 - GOLF DAY**

**OCTOBER 15, 1992**

**GCSAA SEMINAR AT EAST LANSING**

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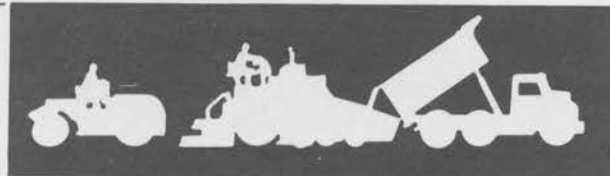
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# CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The certification program for commercial pesticide applicators has gone through changes over the years. These changes include:

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#### WHO NEEDS TO BE A REGISTERED TECHNICIAN?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Meeting	Training Meeting Title and Location	Number of Credits Earned

I understand that the above listed training meetings for recertification credit were subject to prior approval by the MDA and that attendance is verifiable by MDA personnel.

Applicator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Instructions for Recertification by Training Meeting Attendance

In 1988 a new system was developed for recertification of pesticide applicators referred to as "recertification by training meeting attendance." During the three-year certification period, pesticide applicators may obtain credits toward recertification by attending pre-approved pesticide applicator training meetings. At the end of the three-year certification period, if the applicator has earned the proper number of credits, he or she will be recertified without taking an examination.

It is the pesticide applicator's responsibility to keep track of the number of credits earned over the course of the three-year certification period. Attached to this sheet is a form provided for that purpose. The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) also maintains a record of credits earned for each pesticide applicator based on training meeting sign-in sheets. At the end of the three years, when the pesticide applicator receives his or her renewal packet from MDA, the applicator simply sends a check for the renewal fee and a copy of the "Pesticide Applicator Training Meeting Attendance" form (or a similar record sheet), to the MDA Lansing office. MDA will then compare the number of credits in their record with those on the pesticide applicator's record. If there is a discrepancy, MDA will go back to the actual training meeting sign-in sheets and verify attendance.

Listed below are the number of credits necessary for pesticide applicators to get recertified by attendance at pre-approved training meetings. The training meetings must pertain to the category in which the applicator is certified. For more information about the location and dates for pre-approved training meetings in your area, contact your local county Cooperative Extension Service.

Category	No. Credits Required	1/3 Credits	Category	No. Credits Required	1/3 Credits
<b>Commercial Applicators</b>					
1A Field Crop	18	6	5A Swimming Pools	12	4
1B Vegetable	18	6	5B Cooling Towers	12	4
1C Fruit	18	6	6 Right-of-Way	12	4
1D Animal Health	18	6	7A Structural Pest Management	21	7
2 Forest Pest Management	12	4	7B Wood Destroying Organisms	21	7
2A Wood Preservation	12	4	7C Contractual Public Health	21	7
3A Turf	18	6	7D Vertebrate	12	4
3B Ornamentals	18	6	7E Interiorscape	12	4
4 Seed Treatment	6	2	7F Mosquito	18	6
5 Aquatic	12	4	8 Public Health	21	7
<b>Private Applicators</b>					
<b>Both Private and Commercial Applicators</b>					
Aerial Application	12	(includes attendance at a minimum of one Operation Safe Fly-In)			
Fumigation	6				

## Please Note:

- ☐ Commercial applicators certified in more than one category must satisfy all recertification requirements for the category requiring the most credits and fulfill at least one third of the credit hours required in each additional category.
- ☐ Both aerial and fumigation are additional *standards*, therefore, both commercial and private applicators must get an additional 6 credits to be recertified in either standard.
- ☐ For more information about the pesticide applicator recertification process, contact your regional MDA office.

## BEHIND THE COUNTER

The Michigan Hospitality Room was again open at the GCSAA Convention in New Orleans. Thursday afternoon opening ceremony was staffed by the Michigan and Border Cities personnel. I had the opportunity to work the 8:00 to 9:00 shift with Ron Abbott. Ron kept me in line but stayed on the receiving side of the bar all night. This was to ensure the proper distribution of liquids and besides there wasn't much room back there. My wife Annie was also on hand. She was picking up the place, keeping everything in order (including me). I also needed her to find the way back to the hotel we were staying at.

Again this year, 12 ounces were found in the bathtub. This took a lot of pressure off me. Experienced hospitality roomers proceeded right past me heading directly for the tub. This was my third appearance behind the counter and after four days of classes, it was the highlight of the week to this point. Instead of sitting, I got to stand and enjoy a glass or several myself. Ron was again presiding over the situation and ensured that I continued to serve others first.

The Western Association took over on Friday night and I understand that they did an outstanding job. Saturday night was divided between the Northern and Mid-Michigan Associations. Both of these groups were needed because of the large turnout and the need to enforce the high standards set on the previous nights. Special thanks to Kim Olsen, Kathy Antaya and Marty Dominick, they kept everything under control and the evening proceeded without incident. Sunday night was the finale with MBCGCSA on hand for the closing ceremonies. Paul Dushane celebrated his birthday and everyone celebrated with him. Some asked who Paul Dushane was, but this didn't stop anyone from celebrating.

Again, this years Hospitality Room was a huge success. Mike Bay does a great job and he has my vote to continue in Anaheim.

Thanks to all the volunteers who staff the Hospitality Room, this is a fun time for everyone and if you have never volunteered, try it next year in Anaheim. You'll have a great time!

From behind the counter. . .

**Ed Hock**

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The **1992 Membership Directory** should be in your possession. Thanks to all the vendors included in the Vendor Directory and their continued support of our association. Please check the information and inform me of any mistakes or deletions that occurred. All the information came from the survey sheets that were included with the 1992 dues statement. Don't hesitate to contact me at 268-2130.

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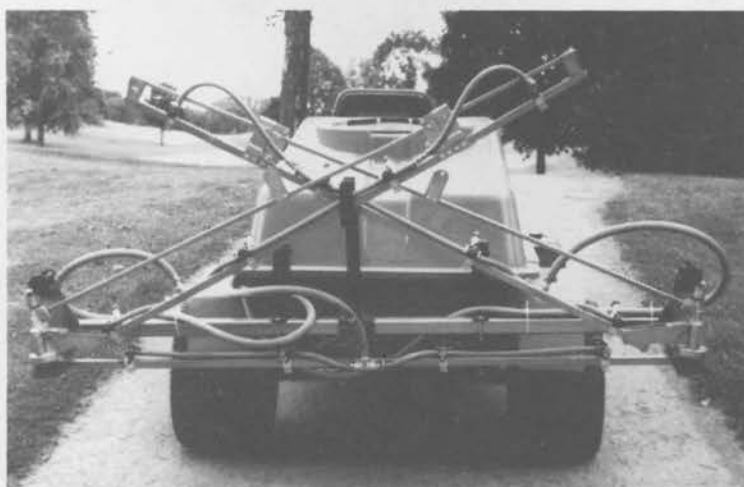
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