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Thornapple Creek, Sight of the 1993 Annual Meeting.

## Welcome to New Members

**John R. Fulling (A)** .... Superintendent at Berrien Hills C.C. in St. Joseph, Mi. His previous position was superintendent for Course #1 at Medinah C.C.

**Brian J. Geerlings (D)**.... Sales Manager for Herbruck Poultry Ranch in Saranac, Mi.(producer of an organic fertilizer).

**Tony C. Geib (B)**....Assistant Superintendent at Cascade Hills C.C. in Grand Rapids, Mi.

**Brian L. Murphy (B)** .... Superintendent at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Allegan, Mi.

**Scott M. Slattery (B)** .... Assistant Superintendent at Railside Golf Club in Byron Center, Mi.

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## WMGCSA Board for 1994

### President

**Harry Schuemann CGCS** is superintendent at Crystal Springs Country Club, just south of Grand Rapids. Harry is currently Treasurer for the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. He was Vice-President of our association in 1993 and is now in his eighth year on the board. He feels that we have a great board this year, that people are ready to see something happen and it's up to us to take the reigns. Education is the key in these times of rapid change and we should make sure our members are informed.

### Vice President

**Paul Schippers CGCS** is superintendent at The Moors Golf Course in Kalamazoo. Paul was a director in 1993 and 1988 and served as Secretary/Treasurer in 1990 and 1991. Paul reminds us that it is important that private and public courses work together on such things as environment education.

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## WMGCSA Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was hosted by Larry Murphy at Thornapple Creek Golf Course. Many thanks to Larry for the use of the course and a wonderful diner. The weather left something to be desired; it was cold and windy, and it started to rain halfway through. Most golfers did not finish.

Diner was followed by the annual meeting. Bill Fountain presented the previous year's budget figures (see "1993 Treasurer's Report", this issue). He was joined by other board members in requesting a long overdue increase in our association dues. The motion for a dues increase was passed by the voting members present. Each classification will be increased by \$15. Class A, B, and C will be \$50, \$40, and \$60 respectively.

The election of officers came last. Harry Schuemann and Paul Schippers will be the new President and Vice-President. Keith Paterson will be the new Secretary/Treasurer. The new board members will be Doug Boyle and Al Bathum. ( See "1994 WMGCSA Board" this issue)

Steve Tedhams  
 Meetings Chairman



Egypt Valley Country Club, Sight of the 1993 Golf Day

## Golf Day 1993

Egypt Valley Country Club hosted this year's annual fundraiser for the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. 192 players supported the September 13th event.

The day was mild and slightly overcast. The forecasted rain graciously held off until play completed.

Players then gathered in the banquet room to enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, followed by a finely prepared main course that ended with a delicious dessert.

Golf Day 1993 was a great day for MTF, raising over \$10,000. We, as superintendents, depend heavily on the superior research that takes place at MSU. Your support is greatly appreciated.

With your support, I feel we can make future golf days just as successful, if not more. Thank you.

Gary Spahr CGCS  
Golf Day Chairman

## 1993 WMGCSA Treasurer's Report

September 28, 1993

Current Balance \$3,932.78

### Income - Dues

Class A (104@ at \$35)	\$3,640.00
Class B ( 54@ at \$25)	1,350.00
Class D ( 65@ at \$50)	3,250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,240.00</b>

### Expenses

Secretary/Treasurer	\$1,200.00
Morning Coffee	144.44
Board Lunch	367.19
Envelopes	1,003.00
Fliers	165.36
Complimentary Golf	70.00
Insurance	400.00
Letterhead	334.36
Copier	644.04
Lunch No Shows	166.00
Toner	41.50
Hospitality Room, National	600.00
Scholarship	1,200.00
State Fees	20.00
Fall Party	1,550.00
Florida Golf Association	500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,405.89</b>
<b>Total Loss/Gain</b>	<b>-\$165.84</b>

1992 Golf Day Fundraiser \$3,890.47

## Changes

□ The new Golf Course Manager at Egypt Valley Country Club will be Jeff Holmes. He has worked at Grand Traverse Resort for the past 8 years and has served for 4 years as president of NMTMA.

### Want Ads

Lesco 500, gas, 2300 hrs, runs well, rear roller cleaners, spare gang, best offer, may demo. 874-5558

Lely Fertilizer Spreader, pull behind.  
Toro Sand Pro, hydrolic blade, 14 hp.  
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949-1420

WMGCSA members, to place add, write editor. Ad will be placed in next available issue.

## Get Involved !

As of December 1, 1993, these are the committee positions filled by board members. It is essential that the general membership of our association get involved in these committees. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these committees, please contact that committee's chairman directly. You'll be surprised how easy and how rewarding it can be to participate in the running of your association.

### 1994 Committee Assignments

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Members (Chairmen listed first)</u>
Finance .....	Keith Paterson
Notification .....	Keith Paterson
Membership .....	Keith Paterson
G.A.M. ....	Harry Schuemann Paul Schippers, Pat Meersman
G.C.S.A.A. Liaison .....	Pat Meersman, Paul Schippers
Education .....	Doug Boyle
Nomination/Election .....	Chris Fochtman
M.T.F. Liaison .....	Harry Schuemann
Scholarship .....	Doug Boyle, Pat Meersman
Fall Party .....	Steve Tedhams
Golf Day .....	Gary Spahr
Monthly Meetings .....	Steve Tedhams
By-Laws and Policy .....	Harry Schuemann, Keith Paterson
Newsletter .....	Al Bathum, Tom McGuinness

## Fall Party

November 6th brought our Association together at the Country Club of Jackson for our Fall Party. Our hosts, Bill Madigan and Pat Frank, had a wonderful evening planned. The 40 couples that attended enjoyed a lavish evening of great food, fine music, and friendly conversation. President elect, Harry Schuemann, presented a plaque to the past president, Chris Fochtman, for his years of service to our Association. Many thanks to numerous vendors who helped make this event possible. Those of you that were unable to attend missed a tremendous evening. We hope more members will be able to attend next year. This was a truly great evening.

Paul Schippers CGCS  
Fall Party Chairman

### .....Of Course.....

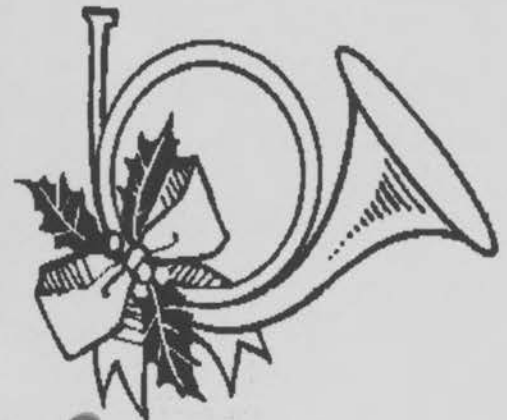
This guy on the tee says to his buddy, "I've got to do well here. That's my mother-in-law on the clubhouse porch." "Don't be silly," says his friend. That's over 200 yards from here..... you'll never hit her from here."

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from the  
**W.M.G.C.S.A**  
Board of Directors

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## WMGCSA Board for 1994

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### Secretary/Treasurer

**Keith Paterson CGCS** is superintendent at Kent Country Club in Grand Rapids. Keith has previously held every position on our board, and served as a director of the MTF.

Keith thinks the significant issues facing our industry are environmental awareness and educating the public. Keith says we need to work at "becoming more professional."

### Directors

**Patrick A. Meersman CGCS** is superintendent at Marywood Golf Course near Battle Creek. Pat is beginning his third year as a Director for WMGCSA. He has held several offices in the Michigan GCSA. Pat feels that it is the public's perception that is important when we consider our profession's attitude towards environmental issues. He would like to see

more membership services along the line of education and information, as well as being able to study a number of different courses.

**Gary Spahr CGCS** is superintendent at the new Cedar Chase Golf Club in Cedar Springs, just north of Grand Rapids. He is in his third year as a Director.

Gary says that we should be geared to the education of our members and the public.

**Steve Tedhams** is the superintendent at Forest Hills Country Club near Grand Rapids. He is in the second year of his term. It will be Steve's job this year to arrange the association's meetings. He reminds us how important it is that our membership support their professional organizations by attending.

**Paul Schippers CGCS** had two years remaining on his term as Director. Since he has been elected to Vice President, the President has appointed **Tom McGuinness** to fill this position. Tom is the superintendent at Silver Lake Country Club, northeast of Grand Rapids. He is the

editor for *Western Views*.

**Douglas W. Boyle CGCS** is the superintendent at Blythefield Country Club in Grand Rapids. He is beginning his first year of this term as Director. He was also a director for this association between 1987 and 1989.

Doug would like to see communication improved both inside of as well as outside of our industry. A statewide turf/golf magazine would help accomplish that.

**Al Bathum** is the superintendent at Cascade Hills Country Club in Grand Rapids. He has recently come to our area from The Bear, near Traverse City. He believes that the quality of service for the members can be improved by publishing more information on such things as job openings, used equipment, or even contractor's services. Al will be Chairman of the Newsletter Committee, and hopes to make many improvements.

**Chris Fochtman CGCS** is now a salesman for T.C.I. He serves on the board as **Past President**.



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