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## Upcoming Events:

### **WMGCSA Meeting:**

The Highlands golf club  
January 17, 2002

### **Michigan Turf Conference:**

Holiday Inn - South Lansing  
January 21-24, 2002

### **GCSAA Conference & Show:**

Orlando, Florida  
February 3-10, 2002

## President's Message

As we look back on the 2001 season, we were hot, cold, wet, dry, humid.... Everything but a plague of locusts. It left me scratching my head many times as to what my next move would be, but we all made it thru another season, probably a little wiser.

For 2002 we have a great line up of courses for our monthly meetings. We will start off our 2002 meeting schedule with the winter meeting at The Highlands CC on Thursday January 17.

You will receive a

complete meeting schedule in the next few weeks.

We have the MTF Conference in Lansing on January 21-24, followed by the GCSAA Conference in Orlando February 3-9. I hope many of you can make it to one or both of these good educational opportunities.

The 2001 roster book has been upgraded to the 2002 Roster Book. It will be full of updated names, addresses, phone numbers and E-mail addresses. I want to thank John Fulling for his many, many hours spent on this project and all of

the proofreading. I think you will all appreciate this current book.

Well, I hope you all got your dormant feed and the fungicide applications down, because it is starting to snow. I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and enjoy the rest of your winter. I will see you in 2002.

*Jeff Hopkins*

PS....If you want, I will tell you about my Big Buck from this past firearm deer season.

## WMGCSA Education Committee want to Subsidize GCSAA Seminars

The GCSAA seminar held in Grand Rapids this past October entitled "Managing Up: Strategies for Influencing Boards, Committees, and Managers," wasn't as well attended as the committee would like. It was very informational and focused on communication techniques to grab attention, present ideas effectively, and build relationships that help you get what you need. Many thought it was

one of the best seminars to date. The question for the Board and committee is, why are our members not taking advantage of these great programs? Certainly, time is an issue as our membership grows younger and we want to spend time with our kids. The most important factor may be the financial strain placed on operating budgets.

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**Subsidizing Seminars cont' from pg 1**

The costs of education and meetings continue to rise, while the purse strings attached to the operations budgets continue to tighten. The board recognized this at its' December meeting and asked the education committee to research subsidizing the chapter run national seminar next year to bring the cost down from \$120 to a more palatable figure.

Education Chairman Joe Jehnsen says there are a couple of different options they are looking into, including administering the seminar in-house, (which includes booking the venue, speaker, arrang-

ing for lunch, and making the seminar booklet). "We are also asking GCSAA to do something in between. Our goal is to get the cost of the seminars to about half of the current price and attract many more of our members to them. I'm confident we can get pretty close. We will keep the membership informed as we go.

The association continues to strive to provide value. Educational programs are a large part of that value, and will be a big step forward if we can make them available to all members. This will be a good program." *wv*

# NOTICE

**THE MICHIGAN ROOM  
WILL BE HELD AT THE  
ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL  
GCSAA ASSOCIATION  
HEADQUARTERS**

**THE DATES AND TIMES  
FOR THE ROOM ARE:**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
6:00 - 10:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8  
6:00 - 10:00PM**

## Membership News!

In this section, we'd love to tell you about all the great things that are happening to the members. Maybe someone had a baby, or got a hole in one. Maybe someone is retiring, or just got certified. We want to hear about it! Here's how you can let us know:

Call John Fulling: (616) 345-5013

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"Cut a 4"-6" piece of 3/4" hose and clamp it to the handle of your walking greens mowers. Place an ordinary fork in the hose. It's an excellent repair tool, easy to use, and hard to lose."

Kevin Dushane, CGCS  
Wuskowhan Players Club

## Thoughts & opinions

By John Fulling

*Thanks to all of our Michigan and West Michigan Vendors.*

As the editor of this publication, I get certain perks. One of those perks is getting to write the first opinion column of the year. I want to focus this issue on our vendors, those names you see directly to the right of this column. Our vendors are responsible for making many things happen within our organization. They give time and a great deal of money to help us and our charities.

Thank you for giving money to the Michigan room, it allows us to provide a wonderful atmosphere for our members and their guests while at the national conference.

Thank you for buying advertising in the newsletter and roster. We know it doesn't give you great advertising value, but you still do it because we ask you to. It allows us to provide the roster and the newsletter.

Thank you for all of your donations to golf day, whether they be money, merchandise or time. It allows us to give a substantial donation to MTF and turfgrass research.

Thank you for donating baseball games, picnics, food and beverages for meetings, and the many other gifts that you give.

Some may say this is just a part of doing business, and sometimes that might be true. I and the rest of the Board know, however, that most of the money, time, and other resources you provide go far above and beyond what would be customary in any other business. Thank you.

### **WMGCSA Future Meetings**

March: Round Table (site TBA)  
 April: Pilgrims Run GC  
 May: Gull Lake Country Club  
 June: Point O' Woods Country Club  
 September: Gull Lake View (Golf Day)  
 October: Kent CC (Annual Meeting)

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