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May 14, 1975, is the first meeting of our Association in 1975 and will be held at the Traverse City Golf & Country Club. Everyone in Northern Michigan should know where it is located so please come. Better than that, bring along a prospective member, someone that you know that should be in our organization and who may not be because you did not invite him. If you tell us of someone that should be invited, we will be most happy to write them a letter of invitation. Think about it.

Ed Karcheski is the genial vice president and host extends to all wishing to play golf, an invitation to do so. Many of you would like to have lunch at the club house and it is available. Again we would like to schedule your starting golf so that you will be available for dinner to start promptly at 6:45 P.M. Anyone coming specifically for the meeting, please arrange your travel so that you are there to coincide with dinner. If you play golf, please get out a buck for participation in the golf package offered by our golf Chairman, "Chuck" Johnson.

We have some sad news to impart in that Dr. Jim Beard is definitely leaving Michigan State University. Efforts to inspire his superiors to encourage him to stay have failed. Along with the members of The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, we of N.M.T.M.A. are sincerely grateful for his dedicated service, the professional knowledge and guidance he has given to all of us in the turf industry. As you all know, the experimental plots at Traverse City is one of his babies established just over ten years ago. It would be nice if he could spare the time before departure for Texas and drop in at our meeting on May 14th. We know he has a very busy schedule and certainly hate to see him go however we wish the Beards the greatest success for the future. In Northern Michigan, the "welcome" mat will always be out.

Our speaker for this meeting will be Robert Moore. Mr. Bob Moore is better known as Mr. Aqua Gro and he will give us a lot of background on wetting agents and how they can help us with our problems on the golf courses. He has been a manufacturer of these chemicals for many years plus done extensive experimental work with many universities throughout the country.

June 24th, 1975, will be Michigan Turfgrass Field Day, Crop Science Field Lab, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Jeffrey V. Krans, Turfgrass Extension Associate, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Mi. 48824. 1974 Field Day was held at the experimental plots at Traverse City on Sep. 10th.

We are enclosing for your information and thinking, an article from the May issue of the USGA Green Section Record. It is a very thought provoking article, we don't make any recommendations however some feel that it might have some merit in case you would like to experiment.

As usual we must know how many will be present at The Traverse City Country Club for dinner. We are enclosing the usual self addressed card for your convenience so please complete it as soon as you finish this letter and return it in the mail. We do not want to cause any of our host superintendents embarrassment in 1975 so please give us your reply NOW. Again, please bring along someone that should be a member of our association.

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People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened.

John W. Newbern

1974 Yearbook of Agriculture, Shoppers Guide, is available if you write your Congressman or United States Senator for free. These annual books put out by the United States Department of Agriculture are excellent reading and reference.

Anyone planning to build a new golf course or remodel an older one may obtain a copy of the current membership by writing the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601.

G.C.S.A.A. has just released the official attendance figures for the 46th International Turfgrass Conference and Show at New Orleans. It was without question the largest in member attendance with 1384 members being present or 134 more than had attended at Anaheim in 1974. Total attendance was 4861 persons.

G.C.S.A.A. Pesticide Usage Reference Manuals are now available to members at \$7.50 each. Educators and governmental agencies are eligible to purchase a copy at a cost of \$11.25; however, individual non members are ineligible to receive this manual. If any member is interested, we will have a small supply of order forms at our May 14th meeting. Remember we are coming closer every day to the time when we will all have to be licensed applicators for the many usages of pesticides on golf courses.

We hope that no one is interested or looking for a change of location however a reminder that the Employment Referral Service is available to all current members of G.C.S.A.A. Information received by GCSAA Headquarters on positions open throughout the country are sent each Monday to those members listed with ERS. If any member wishes to have his name placed on the ERS listing, simply notify GCSAA Headquarters by letter or telephone. Members requesting the service are sent the information on positions available for an initial four (4) month period.

THE MOST VALUABLE GIFT YOU CAN GIVE ANOTHER IS A GOOD EXAMPLE

"What is Happiness?"

G.C.S.A.A. has asked all members if they had choices of future educational Seminars and the following are the choices in rank order:

1. Landscape
2. Public Relations
3. Pesticides
4. Management II
Leadership Motivation and
Employee Relations
5. Soils
6. Management I
Financial Decision Making
7. Plant Nutrition
8. Personal Finance

These responses will be used in analyzing the current GCSAA Seminar Program. If any of you have any thoughts which you would like to add, your response would be greatly appreciated.

*Golf is Happiness for Happiness is achievement!
The Father of Achievement is Motivation, The Mother is Encouragement!
The Fine Golf Swing is truly achievement!
Man may Lie, Cheat, and Steal for Gain!
But these will never gain the Golf Swing!
To gain the Golf Swing, Man must work, Yet it is work without Toil!
It is exercise without Boredom! It is intoxication without a Hangover!
It is stimulation without Pills! It is Failure, yet its successes shine brightly!
It is frustration, yet it nourishes Patience!
It irritates, yet its soothing is far Greater!
It is Futility, yet it nourishes Hope!
It is Defeating, yet it generates Courage!
It is humbling, yet it enobles the Human Spirit!
It is Dignity, yet it rejects Arrogance!
Its Price is High, yet its Rewards are Richer!
Some may say its a Boys Pastime, yet it Builds Man!
It cleanses the Mind and Rejuvenates the Body!
It is a Buffer for the Stresses of Today's Living!
It is these things and many more, for those of us who know and love it!*

*"Golf is Truly Happiness!"
Paul Bertholy, Author*