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Michigan Turfgrass Foundation creates research endowment at MSU

The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation has pledged \$1 million to Michigan State University's turf program, creating an endowment to fund faculty and graduate student research.

The gift supports MSU's first university-wide Capital Campaign, MSU 2000: Access to Opportunity, a five-year effort launched in May 1988.

"This gift continues a longstanding partnership between the university and the state's turf industry," said MSU President John DiBiaggio. "We are extremely grateful to the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation for this gift and for the support of its members over the past 60 years."

The foundation's gift - its largest ever to MSU - will establish the Michigan Turfgrass Research Endowment Fund. Annual income from the new endowment will enable MSU to attract more graduate students.

"Because our research is so labor-intensive, bright, dedicated graduate students are absolutely vital," explained Joseph M. Vargas, professor of botany and plant pathology whose work in turf management is world renowned.

Vargas is investigating alternative pest management strategies, using biological methods to control pests and diseases and to minimize pesticide use. Developing environmentally safe methods is both time-consuming and expensive," he said. "The endowment will give us the flexibility to pursue this type of research."

MTF will solicit contributions to the endowment from its 1,000 members.

14th Annual Turf Benefit Day The Donald Ross Memorial Course

Boyer Highlands
Monday, June 25, 1990
Entry Fee: \$65 per player
\$260 per team

Proceeds will go to the Michigan Turf Foundation Turfgrass Research Fund

FOUR MAN BEST BALL Best Two of Four Full Handicap Team Prizes & Prizes for Individual Events

Entry Fee Includes:

1. Golf (Shot guns 8:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.)
2. Golf Carts
3. Cheese Board - Cocktail Hour
4. Dinner (Morning Players - 2:30, Afternoon - 7:30)

All Tee Times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed by mail. Please send the names of each player in your group with their handicaps to Charles Menefee, CGCS, P.O. Box 384, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Indicate your preferred starting time: 8:00 a.m. shotgun, or 1:30 shotgun. Make checks payable to N.M.T.M.A.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN GOLF COURSE MECHANIC'S MEETING

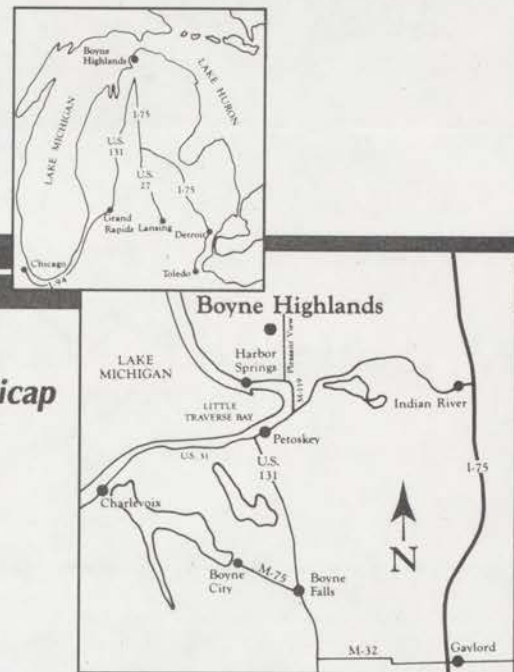
Date: Monday, June 11 **Place:** Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfort
Time: 10:00 a.m. -Meeting Starts; 12:00 noon.-Lunch; 1:30 p.m.-Golf (Optional)
Topic: Fuels, Oils and Lubricants

Lunch will be provided free of charge. Golf will cost \$10.00.

Please call Dan Stratton at 352-4241 so he can get a count for lunch and reserve tee times: (616) 352-4241.

NEXT MEETING:

The July meeting and golf outing will be at "The Rock" on Drummond Island. The date is Tuesday, July 19. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and golf will start (shotgun) at 1:00. Kathy Antaya will be the host superintendent. She has set aside some rooms if anyone wishes to stay overnight. You may call her for information and reservations.



"Represent your organization with class. Nice sport clothes are required for all golf outings - no blue jeans, t-shirts and the like. Sweaters or jackets with ties are recommended for all dinners and meetings. Good golf etiquette, fairness and sportsmanship are expected at all golfing events."



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