

Turf Times

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The newsletter from the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association

This year's MTF fund raiser set for June 17

Enclosed you will find an application for this year's MTF Fund Raiser. Proceeds will be given to the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation to help sponsor research and extension work which benefits turfgrass managers throughout the state.

Please support this outing. Invite members from your club and your friends. Show others the quality and professionalism that our organization promotes. Above all, have fun at one of Michigan's most beautiful golf courses.

We hope to see you and your guests at Garland.

Environmental Program offered

Dr. Frank Rossi, Turfgrass Environmental Education Speicalist from MSU, will lead a program entitled "Is it Safe? Environmenal Communication on the golf Course." Speakers will include, Dr. Rossi, Regional MDA Leader, Regional Media Representative, and Bruce Jacobs from Dow Elanco. The date is May 3rd; time 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; location Traverse City Holiday Inn, 615 E. Front Street.

You must pre-register before April 22. The class is limited to 40, and, must have at least 30 attendees. You need to submit a fee of \$55 payable to Michigan State Universitry along with your name, address, club name, home phone, and work phone to: Dr. Frank S. Rossi; Plant and Soil Science Bldg 494D; MSU; E. Lansing, MI 48824. For more information call: (616) 947-3700.

NMTMA meeting to be held at Crystal Downs C.C. May 6

The monthly meeting of the NMTMA will be held at Crystal Downs Country Club near Frankfort on May 6. The meeting's speaker will be announced.

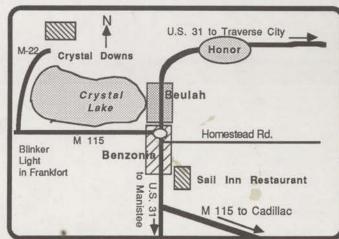
The day's event will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Sail Inn Restaurant in Benzonia (see map). Meeting and speaker will follow. After the meeting golfers will procede to Crystal Downs Country Club for tee times off #1 and #10 beginning at 1:45 p.m. (see map). The golf game will be four-man scramble with team prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place and the "best dressed" team. Individual prizes will be for longest drive, straightest drive, closest to the pin, and hole-in-one (E-Z-GO golf cart). There will also be an optional team skins game. Michael Morris is the golf course superintendent; Steve Hammon is his assistant, and Fred Muller is the golf pro.

Price for dinner and golf is \$20; for dinner only \$8. You must make reservations by May 2nd for golf and dinner: call Mike Morris at (616) 352-4241. Golf is limited to 72 members of turf management associations only. Make checks payable to the NMTMA. Money for confirmed reservations will be collected at the Sail Inn before dinner.

Crystal Downs was designed by Alister MacKenzie and constructed by Perry Maxwell in the late 1920's and early '30's. In 1989 Crystal Downs was recognized by *Golf Magazine* and the 21st best course in the world, and by *Golf Digest* as the 16th best course in the United States, and number one in Michigan.

Continuing management practices established by Tom Mead through 1986, Mike Morris maintains *Poa annua*/bent greens at 1/8", *Poa annua*/bent tees at 1/2", and *Poa annua* fairways at 1/2". Roughs are a mixture of grasses; and the course is characterized by acres of wild meadowland.

Directions to get to the Sail Inn Restaurant in Benzonia and Crystal Downs Country Club north of Frankfort



Golf Course Mechanics Meeting May 8th at Gaylord C.C.

The Northern Michigan golf course mechanics will hold an organizational meeting with a speaker at Gaylord Country Club starting at 10 a.m. Bring \$5 for lunch. Call Paul Holmes for more information: (616) 546-3233.

"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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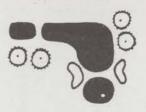
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Floating 7 Blade Reels for Ransomes 180. Call Rick at Alpena C.C. (517) 356-3740.

Equipment For Sale: '80 Toro HTM 175; '83 300 gal. PMC Sprayer with foam maker. Call Jeff Holmes at the Grand Traverse Resort for information and prices: (616) 938-9083. Equipment for Sale: '86 Toro Reelmaster 350-D; '88 Toro Reelmaster 450-D; Ryan Renovaire Fairway Aerifier with spoons and blades. Call Mike Morris at Crystal Downs Country Club for information and prices:(616) 352-4241.

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