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Next Meeting

SEPTEMBER 20th -
NMTMA Fundraiser at Little
Traverse Bay Country Club;
Charlie Menefee, host
superintendent.

Mechanic's Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14th - Wash
water recycling systems,
plus round table discussion
at Garland Resort: Dave
Barlow, Host Mechanic.

-CLASSIFIEDS-

**Position Wanted - Golf
Course Superintendent or
Assistant Super.** Currently
Assistant Super. at Highland
Golf and C.C. in
Indianapolis. AS in
Agronomy from Purdue
Univ., BA from Harvard.
Kevin Brown, 5436 E. 10th
St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.
(317) 359-4524.

**For Sale - Soil Screening
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For info. contact Bob Aube,
3211 Genshaw, Alpena, MI
49707, (517) 356-4298.

**Wanted - Head Golf Course
Mechanic** for 1994 season.
Salary negotiable. Contact
Jeff Dorrell, Cadillac C.C.,
P.O. Box 367, Cadillac, MI
49601, (616) 775-6021.

John Damatteo from Lofts Seed to speak at Gaylord Country Club August 26th

Our August meeting and golf outing will be Thursday the 26th at Gaylord Country Club. Paul Holmes is the Host Superintendent and Dan Webster is the Golf Professional. Our guest speaker, John Damatteo of Lofts Seed Research Department, will address the topics of new bentgrass available now and in the future, the production of grass seed, as well as the effects of the rainy season on seed harvesting for 1993-94.

Gaylord Country Club is located five miles west of I-75 on M-32. It is a member owned public golf course with bentgrass tees and greens. Gaylord Country Club was the co-host of the National Lefthanders Tournament in 1992 and co-host of the State Pro-Pro in 1987.

The day will begin with a 12:00 noon shotgun start. The game will be a two-man best ball with a maximum 30 handicap net. Teams will be assigned by blind draw. No reservations are necessary for golf - no one will be turned away. However, you must make reservations for dinner. Please arrive early to sign in for the draw. Prizes will be awarded for low gross, low net, closest to the pin (all par 3's), longest drive and straightest drive.

The dinner and meeting will follow golf at approximately 5:00 p.m.. Dinner will consist of steak (cook your own), baked potatoes, salad bar, and vegetables. **Reservations must be made** for the dinner by calling Dan Webster no later than August 25th at (616) 546-3376.

Cost for golf, dinner and prizes is \$30.00, dinner only \$14.00. Please make checks payable to Gaylord Country Club. See you there!

Tate and Maguire receive GAM's highest honor

by Jack Berry, *Detroit News, Sunday, July 18, 1993*

C.E. "Tuck" Tate, retired owner/operator of Frankfort Golf Club, and the late Ray Maguire will be honored with Distinguished Service Awards by the Golf Association of Michigan on August 23rd at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Tate was one of the founders of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation at Michigan State and endowed a scholarship fund for turfgrass students. Maguire, professional for 33 years at Birmingham Country Club, passed away Monday, July 12 after an illness of several months. Maguire was a very rare professional - he never charged club members for a lesson. He felt it was part of his job to help members enjoy the game.

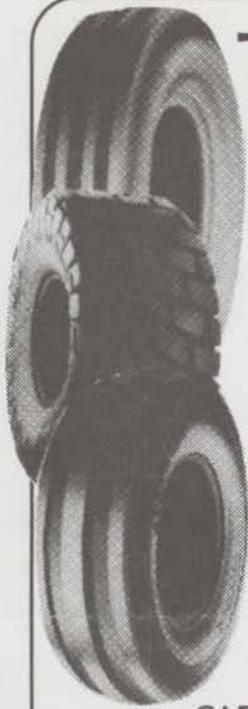
Mr. David Gilstrap Joins MSU Turf Staff

East Lansing, MI - David Gilstrap has joined the faculty of the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Michigan State University. David was most recently on the faculty at Texas A&M University where he earned his M.S. in Agronomy under the direction of Dr. James B. Beard. Prior to returning to school, David was a sales representative for a Texas based distributor of turf specialty products.

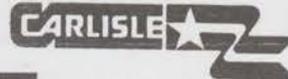
He is the coordinator of the two-year program in Lawn Care and Athletic Turf Maintenance at MSU's Institute of Agricultural Technology. The university now has eight full-time faculty devoted to turfgrass science. David wants all those interested in this unique program to contact him by mail or at (517) 355-0207.

"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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Turf Project turns spotlight on Career in Turf Management

Training for a career in athletic turf management is just one of the specialized areas of expertise in Michigan State University's turfgrass program.

"The Pontiac Silverdome indoor turfgrass project has focused worldwide attention on MSU's turfgrass program," said Dr. Paul Reike, professor of crop and soil sciences.

MSU researchers have developed natural grass that is being used in the Silverdome to provide a playing field for the World Cup Soccer Tournament games to be held there next year.

Potential uses of this technology extend from the floor of the Silverdome to the golf courses and back yards of America. It may be a solution to problems where heavy shade makes it difficult to grow grass.

Along with MSU's tradition of training turf managers, it's part of a successful two-year program in Lawn Care and Athletic Turf Management within the Institute of Agricultural Technology.

David Gilstrap, the new coordinator of the program, explained that it is based on a team teaching and research approach that includes all eight full-time turf faculty. "The moveable turf concept we are using at the Silverdome will have future applications at many other multi-purpose arenas, both open and enclosed," said Gilstrap.

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