

Turf Times

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The newsletter from the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association

MTF Fund Raiser: Next Meeting June 21st.

Enclosed you will find a flier for our '93 MTF Fundraiser. This year's Fundraiser will be at Elk Ridge Golf Course with host superintendent Jon Maddern, CGCS.

Please take time to complete the entry form and mail it early. This event fills up fast!

Bearing Maintenance: Mechanics Meeting May 12th at McGuire's

The first of three mechanic's meetings will take place at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac. Ron Greenman is the host mechanic, and Dave Pretznow is the Golf Course Superintendent.

The topic for this meeting is bearing maintenance, to be presented by Timken Bower, BSA.

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the maintenance building at McGuires. The building is located below the proshop in the woods. From the parking lot, drive toward the first tee and follow cart path to maintenance area.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 in the main lodge. Proper attire must be worn - sweater and slacks. Cost of lunch will be \$6-7.00 (credit cards accepted).

McGuires is located south of Cadillac on Mackinaw Trail between M-115 and US-131.

Please call for reservations: 616-775-9947, ext. 604.

'93 Golf and Meeting Season Tees off at Elmbrook May 17th

The first golf outing and meeting for the '93 season will be at Elmbrook Golf Course in Traverse City on May 17th. Jon Sleder is the host superintendent: Pat Walter and Jim Carter staff the pro shop.

The day will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start, with individual stroke play, closest to the pin, and long drive contests. Please call ahead for reservations: 616-946-9180. The deadline for golf reservations is May 16th. Be sure to mention you are with the NMTMA group.

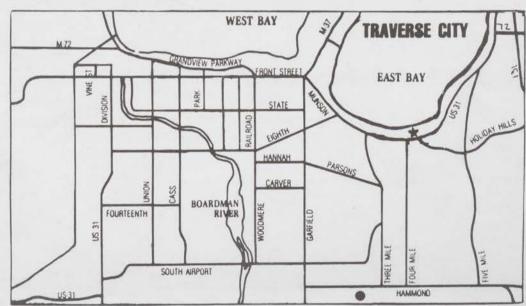
Our meeting will follow golf at the Waterfront Inn in Traverse City. Social hour will be from 3-4 p.m., followed by our speaker and meal. The presentation for this meeting will be by Paul Bonaccini from Prudential Securities of Traverse City, who will address personal financial planning.

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Reservations are required for the meal. Call Mike Meindertsma at 616-267-5769 before May 14th.

Cost for golf, dinner, and prizes is \$25.00 per person: meeting and dinner only is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to the NMTMA. And please observe the association's dress code.

See map for directions. We hope to see you there!



* - Waterfront Inn Conference Center

Elmbrook Golf Course

About Elmbrook. . .

1964 was the year five Traverse City business men (Erich Sleder, Vern Nelson, Dick Olson, Don Nelson and Ken Ferguson) started building Elmbrook Golf Course. Nine holes were opened in 1966 with the additional nine completed and opened in 1968, on land that was part of the Sleder family farm.

Ten years later, three of the owners decided to sell. Erich Sleder and Vern Nelson were the new partners. Jon Sleder, Golf Course Superintendent, joined the business in 1980 and has continued to make regular improvements.

Erich Sleder passed away in 1991 and left his partnership to his wife Jean and the Sleder family. Elmbrook is host to many golf tournaments such as Muscular Dystrophy (MDA), Grand Traverse Golf Association Super Scramble and many other outings and leagues.

"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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Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary News

Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord, Michigan has now fulfilled six of the seven certification categories and is fast on its way to becoming a fully certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. When several new buildings were recently constructed, a native wildflower mix was seeded around the buildings to create an attractive, low maintenance meadow. One hundred acres of rough that were once mowed frequently has now been turned back into grassland. Grassland areas are now mowed once a year, creating food and cover sources for a variety of wildlife. In addition, mowing practices were changed around ponds and streams to allow for emergent plant growth that attracts aquatic wildlife.

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