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Candidates for NMTMA Board of Directors

The following directors terms expire on October 31, 1993: Jeffrey Holmes, Michael Morris, Michael Meindersma and Tom Heid.

Class A candidates for director, to serve three year terms, are as follows: Rob Britton, Pat Mertz, Michael Meindersma and Mark Wildeman: 3 to be elected.

Class G candidates for director, to serve a two year term, are: Brian Anderson, Tom Heid and Steven Adamczyk: 1 to be elected.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at our October 4th meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please call Michael Morris at (616) 352-4241.

Announcement to GCSAA Members

It is with deep regret that I inform you that John Schilling, CEO, has resigned his position with GCSAA effective January 1994. Mr. Schilling has faithfully served our association for the past fifteen years, the past ten as Executive Director and CEO. Mr. Schilling's leadership of the staff and his successful implementation of the Board of Directors policies and programs have had a very positive impact on our association, profession and our members.

The current Board of Directors has fully supported Mr. Schilling and are extremely disappointed with his decision to resign. However, we do respect his desires to begin his own business where his ability and skills will again be demonstrated. He will be joined in his endeavor by Robert Ochs & Diana Green who also recently resigned.

Mr. Schilling has agreed to assist GCSAA to achieve a smooth transition and make himself available to help manage our 1994 Conference & Show in Dallas, Texas. The Board of Directors is seeking a replacement for Mr. Schilling at this time.

The Board of Directors wishes Mr. Schilling the best of luck and looks forward to working with him and his new company.
Randy Nichols, President, GCSAA

1993 Annual Meeting & Chapter Championship to be held at Walloon Lake C.C. October 4th

Our 1993 Annual Meeting and Chapter Championship will be held on Monday, October 4th at Walloon Lake Country Club. Dan Bissonette is the host superintendent with his assistant Steve Schmalzried. Pete Kelbel is the golf professional.

The day will begin with our annual meeting starting promptly at 11:00 a.m. NMTMA President Jeffrey Holmes will update the membership on the association's business and activities. During the annual meeting we will elect directors to take office on November 1st of 1993 (see candidate information to left).

The annual meeting will be held in the clubhouse. A buffet lunch will follow the meeting. Proper golf attire is requested for the meeting and lunch.

The Tuck Tate Chapter Championship will follow lunch with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. The format is stroke play with handicap, with awards for low gross and low net. There will also be many individual contests for longest drive, closest to the pin, least putts, and so on.

Cost for golf, lunch and prizes is \$40.00: lunch only is \$15.00. Reservations are necessary on or before October 1st by calling Dan at (616) 535-2373.

Walloon Lake Country Club is located west of US-131 on Bear Lake Road; 8 miles south of Petoskey or 10 miles north of Boyne Falls.

About Walloon Lake Country Club...

Early records of the Country Club's formation are sketchy at best, but subsequent documents confirm the year of formation as 1904, on the lake where Ernest Hemingway was inspired to compose some of his most famous novels.

The first organizational meeting of the club was held at the Indian Garden Hotel in the summer of 1904. The original officers were Llewellyn Gedge, C.R. Talbot and Julius Dick. The Clubhouse was built the following spring on the land that was the Homer Bennett farm. Mr. Gedge was the first president and Harold Wheaton was the first groundskeeper. There was a second building to the north that provided the kitchen, dining room, and sleeping rooms. At one time, the Club owned a sixty foot launch and maintained two docks for the use of its members. About 1927, an additional 9 holes were added.

Then, in 1942, during World War II, finances were difficult. The Club sold off nine holes, mostly along the lake, and also sold the property which included the dining hall building which was subsequently razed. The contents were auctioned to raise still more money.

There was a locker room on the lower level of the present Clubhouse which was a popular gathering place for members.

Members of the Club donated funds and raised money to maintain and improve the Club through many years. Mrs. Ritchey gave money for the pro shop, to replace a log cabin.

The social events included Thursday night dinners, where women from various areas of the lake helped with decorations and cooking. There were square dances for the young, an annual treasure hunt, and the most popular corn roast with games, singing and bingo. Also Vaudeville shows staged by talented members.

Today the Club has expanded to 18 challenging, beautiful holes for golf, 4 tennis courts overlooking Walloon Lake, with Jodie Bissonette as Manager and two full summertime Pros. The membership was increased from 200 to 250 in 1990, with the addition of the new nine holes designed by Matthew's and Associates.

Walloon Lake C.C. is a summer place for nurturing the sports of golf and tennis, as well as good times and good friendships. How lucky we are to have all this on Walloon Lake.

"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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