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## President's Message

Our annual meeting at Boyne Highlands Resort proved to be a great success. Joe Breighner and his staff are outstanding as are the facilities. These people are a great credit to our association and profession. Meeting dates are still available for next year if anyone is interested; these meetings give us an opportunity to showcase our courses and provide educational information.

Congratulations to newly elected board members Brian Holmes, Dan Bissonette, Eric Denoyer, and Paul Holmes. They are a welcome addition to the board of directors. The new board will be diligently working on meeting the GCSAA affiliation requirements which need to be completed by July of '97. Education will continue to be the main goal of the NMTMA, and member participation will keep this association progressive.

The next board meeting will provide the NMTMA with a new president and executive committee. This is my last year on the board and as president and I want to thank all of the past board of directors who have given me support. They have kept me and this association headed in the right direction. A special thanks to Pat Mertz and Kim Olsen, who went off the board this year. Their efforts to make this association run smooth and to increase member services has been relentless. It's great to work with people who are professional, hard working, and really care about the future of this association.

Mark R. Wildeman, C.G.C.S.



## Your 1997 Board of Directors

Your 1997 Board of Directors has already started meeting and making plans for the upcoming 1997 year. The first meeting was to elect officers, discuss goals for the year, welcome new board members, and assign committee chairperson(s). One new item as far as committees are concerned is to involve members of this association more. In years past, board members made up the committees and therefore ran the entire association. This year a board member(s) was appointed as chairperson and they are to make up committees of members and meet at least once each year. So if you have any interest in a committee, or an idea, or want to help your association and meet new people, contact the person in charge of that committee or any board member. Officers and committees are as follows:

President ..... Brian Holmes  
Vice President ..... Doug Kendziorski  
Secretary / Treasurer ..... Jon Maddern  
Executive Secretary ..... Tom Reed  
Recording Secretary ..... Karen O'Dell

Program & Golf ..... Eric Denoyer, Doug Kendziorski  
Scholarship ..... Karen O'Dell, Dan Bissonette  
Education ..... Doug Kendziorski, Dave Faucher  
Membership ..... Tom Reed, Jon Maddern  
Bylaws ..... David Pretznov  
Finance ..... Jon Maddern, Tom Reed, Karen O'Dell  
Members Scholarship ..... Karen O'Dell  
MTF Fund-raiser ..... Paul Holmes  
Publications ..... Dave Faucher, Jon Maddern  
MTF Liaison ..... Jon Maddern  
GCSAA Liaison ..... Jon Maddern, Karen O'Dell  
NMTMA Fund-raiser ..... Brian Conklin, Gabe Ross  
Public Relations ..... Dave Faucher, David Pretznov  
Mechanics ..... Gabe Ross

# Educational Opportunities

Mark your calendar for these upcoming educational opportunities. This will be the last publication until March 1997.

- JANUARY 20 - 23, 1997: MTF Turfgrass Conference, Lansing Holiday Inn South
- JANUARY 24, 1997: GCSAA Seminar *Turfgrass Stress Management*, instructor is Dr. Joseph DiPaola. Lansing Holiday Inn South. This is Co-Sponsored by the Western Michigan GCSA.
- MARCH 4, 1997: GCSAA Seminar *Personal Stress Management*, instructor is Bree Hayes, Ed.D. Treetops Resort, Gaylord. This is Co-Sponsored by the NMTMA.
- MARCH 5, 1997: GCSAA Seminar *Lake and Aquatic Plant Management*, instructor is Terence McNabb. Treetops Resort, Gaylord. This is Co-Sponsored by the NMTMA.
- MARCH 11, 1997: GAM/NMTMA/MMTMA Green Section Seminar. Houghton Lake Holiday Inn
- APRIL 7, 1997: NMTMA Mini-Conference. Grayling Holiday Inn

## Job Referral Change

As a member service, effective immediately all job referrals will be sent to all Class A, B, C and D members or clubs. This will be done on the 1st and 15th of each month assuming there are any postings.

## Preventive Maintenance

To get the most out of your equipment, it is important to have a good preventive maintenance program. Doing scheduled maintenance and adjustments will prolong the life of your equipment, help prevent expensive downtime and give the best possible quality of cut and performance. Experience has shown that a high percentage of problems that occur in turf equipment have developed over a period of time and could have been

prevented by adjustment, lubrication, or other required maintenance.

Follow the maintenance and adjustment recommendations listed in the Operator's Manual. Recommended maintenance intervals should be considered minimum requirements. If the equipment is operated in particularly harsh conditions, such as very hot weather, during the "grow in" period after construction, or on topdresses greens, these

procedures may have to be performed more often.

Use original manufacturer parts when doing maintenance or repairs. "Will fit" parts may look the same and fit, but they may cause totally different performance. Why take a risk on you important equipment investment by saving a little money now that can cost you expensive repairs or increase maintenance intervals later?

Keep records for each

machine to make sure these maintenance procedures are being performed at the proper time. These records will also help you predict parts inventory needs. If you keep a stock of required maintenance parts, such as filters, bedknives, belts and seals, you won't be caught in a situation where important maintenance was not performed on a schedule because of a lack of parts. □

Gabe Ross



**Do you have an address change, or do you need some information on NMTMA, or do you need to call in your reservation for a meeting?**

You can do all of this now by calling Kay Patrick at:

**(517) 327-5474**

Write this number down, it will come in very handy!

*On behalf of the Board of Directors  
and myself personally, we would like  
to wish all of you and your families*



*a joyous and safe  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON,  
and see you  
in 1997!!  
Jon Maddern*

## **Look for you 1997 Dues Notice Soon!**

So we can speed up the printing of the roster and get correct information in it, please fill out the form and send it in with your dues payment by the end of the year. We would like to have the roster to you by March.

***It is up to you!***

Since joining the turf industry nine short years ago, participation in organizations and seminars by my colleagues has baffled me. At one end of the spectrum I see everyone supporting all of the organizations whole heartedly. The question I pose to everyone is why be a member if you're not going to get involved and get the most out of your organization?

At the NMTMA level I am

sure Board members, who are responsible for chairing different committees, would welcome help from the general membership. By helping out, you gain experience and at the same time you are giving something back to the industry. The MTF Conference is another event that always intrigues me. Why would someone ask their employer to shell out all of that money, then go to the conference and stand out in the pre-

## **1997 POLICY**

### **RE: Non-Metal Spike Shoes**

At our recent N.M.T.M.A. Board meeting held in October it was voted to play all golf outings with non-metal spikes only, effective in the year 1997. This will include guest(s). We will make sure that these type spikes are available for changes.

The green putting surface is a main consideration for this recommendation, but there are other benefits. Plastic or soft spiked shoes cause less damage to golf carts, asphalt cart path areas, cement walkways, carpets, decks, mower reels, etc.

Over 500 golf clubs in the United States have made the use of soft spike shoes mandatory. More and more in Northern Michigan. As leaders in the golf industry the N.M.T.M.A. will be a vanguard in this "concept to change".

The N.M.T.M.A. Board

### **SUPERINTENDENT POSITION AVAILABLE**

Traverse City Golf & C.C.  
Contact or send resume to James Cartwright, Manager  
at Traverse City Golf & C.C., 1725 S. Union,  
Traverse City, MI 49684, (616) 947-9140

## **Professional Participation**

function area and talk? Not only are you cheating yourself, but think about the people just inside those doors who can't hear the one speaker who they were really interested in hearing!

We talk about having a strong organization and wanting to be treated like professionals. Here is an idea. Probably not everyone needs to be a leader, but *everyone* should be a participant. □

*Doug Kendziorski*

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Tom Reid - Executive Secretary

