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The newsletter from the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association

President's Message

Greetings to all of you. I hope this slower time of the season finds everyone renewed and ready for another busy golf season.

I would like to extend an invitation to all our NMTMA members to become more actively involved in our organization. This can be accomplished in several ways: hosting a golf event, volunteering to serve on a committee, writing an article for our newsletter, or running for the board of directors. The NMTMA is only as good as the people who are involved. If you have an interest in any of the above mentioned activities, please contact a board member.

However, the best way to get involved is to participate in the educational opportunities presented by the NMTMA. As an organization, education has always been our main objective, so plan to attend as many events as possible this year.

Some events that come to mind are:

- GCSAA Educational Seminars
- NMTMA Mini Conference, April
- M.S.U. Field Day
- NMTMA & MTF Fund-raisers
- Golf and Education Programs (May - September)

Brian Holmes

The 5 Major Time Wasters

Time Management

Here are five major time wasters:

- **Spreading** yourself too thin by trying to do too many things at once. *Suggestion:* You must set priorities for each day and, if necessary, each hour. Get the most important things done first.
- **Being afraid** to delegate. *Suggestion:* Convince yourself that it's not necessary to do everything yourself. You can still be certain things are being done the way you want them to be when you delegate.
- **Not wanting** to say "no" to requests.
- **Being a slave** to the phone. *Suggestions:* Have

others screen your calls. Use an answering machine when you don't want to be disturbed. Schedule a telephone hour to return all calls.

- **Procrastination.** *Suggestions:* Get those unpleasant chores done first – if they're important. Divide large tasks into smaller ones. Reward yourself when you accomplish something.

Source: Dr. Jan Yager, writing in *Woman's Own*, Harris Publications Inc., 1115 Broadway, New York, NY 10010.



ideas that work



Happiness is Shoveling Snow

Not to sound negative, but this white stuff is killing me!

Down state friends are always envious of my living up north. They wonder what I do with my free time: skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing perhaps? Nope, for six months I move snow from point A, to point B.

When I first moved up north, I actually liked the idea of becoming an expert with the snow blower and plow truck. By the end of the first winter this somewhat romantic vision of the northern Michigan working class hero was rapidly fading.

Unfortunately, my wife and I did not design our house with a 200+ inch annual snowfall in mind. One mistake we made was designing our house in the "L" shape. In the valley where the garage meets the house, the snow piles up unbelievably fast. I can go up there and find the snow waist deep after one night of lake effect snow and twenty m.p.h. winds. If I don't remove the snow, we risk the ice dam factory kicking into high gear.

This problem brings us to our next design flaw. We placed the front door near that dreaded corner. Now when I shovel the snow off the roof, I'm forced to throw it down on my porch and sidewalk,

and from there, I fling it out onto my driveway. Now I can remove it with the snow blower where I must blow it into the front yard, to the north, and into the wind.

I can spend the entire weekend breaking up ice dams and moving snow. Ice dams can grow as much as an inch per day if the conditions are right. If left unchecked, soon I'll see rivulets on the siding which is a scary sight. Time to get out the ladder. Then there's forty-five minutes every day for weeks blowing off the driveway. Soon I'm convinced the county snowplow driver has a vendetta against me. The other day I came home and literally had to back my car up to get a running start at my driveway and blast my way in. That pile of snow and ice chunks was sixteen inches deep and ten yards wide. By the time I arrived with my blower, the snow had turned into ice. The only good news was my mail box was still standing. I know he's just doing his job, but I'm beginning to think of him as the enemy.

All this gets me thinking about spring and number thirteen green, where the deepest snow in all of Antrim County is currently waiting. I should save some strength for shoveling that baby!

Pete Hohn

1997 Calendar

May 14	Schuss Mtu. G.C., Bellaire
June 2	MTF Fundraiser, Garland
July 15	Green Briar G.C., Lupton
August 18	Eagle Glenn, Farwell
September 9	NMTMA Fundraiser Belvedere G.C., Charlevoix
October 8	Mistwood G.C., Lake Ann

For Sale


Older Jacobsen Walker - 2nd mower for parts, all for \$600, Jacobsen 5-yard-many spare parts \$1000, Greens Aire needs engine \$500, Toro Gm3 \$1000, Joel Swanson Cobi Piars Golf Course (616) 723-3885

IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN

Grand Traverse Resort is currently accepting applications for a full-time irrigation technician to work as part of our Golf and Grounds team. Experience to include pump house maintenance, installation and repair, parts inventory and general maintenance of a live irrigation system. Must be self-motivated, flexible and willing to work as part of a large team. Benefits available. Apply in person at the Resort's Human Resources Office, Monday through Friday, 8 - 5 p.m. EOE.

1992 John Deere 3325 Fairway Mower

1615 hours, very good condition, 10 blade reels, 50% reel life, 11 ft. 6 in. cutting width. Asking \$12,000. Call Tom or Dick at Eagle Glen G.C. (517) 588-6599.

 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!



Turf Times

The newsletter from the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association

Dear Friends of the Turfgrass Management Industry:

The Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association will offer its members and related businesses two publications for 1995. Both of the following publications will offer advertising directed and mailed to Golf Course Superintendents, owners, and our advertisers throughout the year. The circulation of *Turf Times* and *Turf Times Update* reached over 250 superintendents, assistant superintendents, mechanics, owners and 30 businesses during the 1994 season.

1. A *Membership Directory Booklet* - with a full color cover of our 1995 MTF Fund Raiser Golf Course, along with membership and business listings - will be mailed to all our members and advertisers this coming April.
2. A six page *Monthly Newsletter*, entitled *Turf Times*, will feature professionally typeset news articles from our area and across the country, as well as current meeting information and announcements.

Enclosed is an advertising reservation form. Please reserve advertising **for the entire year** by returning the enclosed form **and all of your advertising copy before February 11, 1995, to:**

Michael Morris
P.O. Box 1575
Frankfort, MI 49635
(616) 352-4241

Please note: You **must** purchase an advertisement in the Membership Directory if you want to advertise in the Monthly newsletters.

Advertising does not need to be camera ready, but should be of good quality. If you have any questions about the form of your advertisement, call Bob McNabb at BaySide Printing Inc. in Frankfort, Michigan; Phone (616) 352-4440, Fax: (616) 352-6380. Attached are sample pages from the Turf Times showing you the advertising space in our format.

All advertising will be on a first-come, first-served basis. After we have confirmed your advertising reservations and have received all of your advertisement copy for the entire year, we will send you an invoice with your copy of the Membership Directory.

Thank you for your support of our organization and its publications.

Sincerely,
Michael Morris
Editor

Enclosures

**Turf Managers
Membership Directory**
Full Page Advertisement
4 3/4" X 7 1/2"

**Turf Managers
Membership Directory**
Half Page Advertisement
4 3/4" X 3 5/8"

Sample Bi-Monthly Categorized Business Listing - Total Space 7 1/2" X 5"

The NMTMA appreciates the support from the following businesses. . .

**EQUIPMENT, SERVICE
& ACCESSORIES**

Spartan Distributors
Your Full Line Toro Distributor
(616) 887-7301

Valley Turf, Inc.
Jacobsen, SmithCo and more
(616) 532-2885

IRRIGATION

Thielen Turf Irrigation
Commercial & Residential Installations
(517) 773-3409

GOLF CART SALES

Boylan Sales
Yamaha USA
(616) 685-6828

**FERTILIZERS,
CHEMICALS, SEED**

Tri Turf
"A Warehouse on Wheels"
(616) 943-8343

Turfgrass, Inc.
"We Serve You Better"
1 (800) 521-8873

Your Name
Slogan
Phone

**CONSULTING, DESIGN
& ARCHITECTURE**

Your Name
Slogan
Phone

**SOD, HYDROSEEDING,
SOILS & CONSTRUCTION**

Your Name
Slogan
Phone

CONFERENCE & GOLF

Your Name
Slogan
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. . . and we encourage you to support them.

Turf Times
Monthly Newsletter
Quarter Page Advertisement
3 5/8" X 5"

Committee Reports

With the 1997 GCSAA National Conference and Show behind us, it is time to reflect on what an exciting year it has been for many turfgrass professionals in Michigan. This year we were fortunate to recognize three professionals for their past achievements to the turfgrass industry in Michigan:

Dr. Paul Reike:

1997 USGA's Green Section Award

Dr. Joe Vargas:

GCSAA 1997 Distinguished Service Award

Mr. Gerald Faubel, CGCS:

GCSAA 1997 Distinguished Service Award

Also, we should commend Jon Maddern, CGCS on his attempt to be elected to the GCSAA Board of Directors. Hopefully we will see Jon's name on next years ballot.

All of these professionals have made extraordinary contributions to the turfgrass industry. If you happen to see them, be sure to thank them for what they have done for the game of golf.

— Scott Pulaski

Farmers Almanac Forecast for the Great Lakes

April 1997: A good chance of a snowstorm April 8-10. Temperatures will rise sharply during the month. They will average 47°. Precipitation will be very heavy for the region.

May 1997: Average temperatures will be below normal. There will be periods of heavy rain May 2-3 and May 8-10, but for the entire month precipitation will be moderate. A cold snap will start about May 11. By May 20 a steady warming will begin.

Motivation

You motivate by your personal example of commitment to excellence and hard work. You motivate by filling your people with an unshakable belief in their own abilities, pride in their efforts and satisfaction at being an important part of a productive team. It is easier to motivate when everything is going well. The truly outstanding leader is able to motivate in the face of discouragement or failure. To keep your people's confidence in themselves and in you, you must not become demoralized by adversity. Instead, you must exploit even your less than successful ventures, as opportunities from which to learn.

—Vice Admiral Beran

To the NMTMA Members:

Due to the fact that I recently got married and moved out of the Northern Michigan area, I am formally resigning from the NMTMA Board of directors. As of March 1, 1997. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors whom I have had the pleasure of working with (past and present). It was a great experience for me to be a part of such a fine group of people.

Being on the board gives you an opportunity to meet some exciting people, test your organizational and time management skills, work on team projects, problem solving, and so much more. I am so thankful for the time spent on the board of directors. I feel I have grown from the experience and I would like to thank the members of the NMTMA for allowing me to participate.

Although I am no longer living in Northern Michigan, I plan to stay involved in the turf industry. I will once again be a member of the MTF conference planning committee and I am still part of the new GCSAA/RISE/PLCAA ambassador program. This is an exciting program that has been created by our national association to help spread the message that the GREEN INDUSTRY is good. As we speak to local civic groups and schools, we inform them, as turf managers, we are educated and concerned about what happens to the environment.

I would encourage each member to consider running for the board. The friendships that are made and the shared experiences (professional and personal) are priceless. Be proud to be a member of the NMTMA and get involved if you can. I'm sure you will grow from the experience.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to be on the board and experience so much.

— Karen Gray

The NMTMA appreciates the support from the following businesses...

• **IRRIGATION** •

Thielen Turf Irrigation, Inc.
Golf Course Installation
(517) 773-3409

Century Rain Aid
Now There's A Third Option - Legacy Golf
800-347-4272

C.J. Colein & Associates, Inc.
Irrigation Design and Consulting
(810) 656-6805

• **SOD, SOIL & CONSTRUCTION** •

Beck Sod Farm
George or Lois Beck
(517) 864-3549 • Fax (517) 864-3055

Huggett Sod Farm
Bent & Bluegrass Sod, Bulk Peat & Shade Trees
800-432-2763 • 517-635-7482

• **CONTRACT SERVICES** •

Mechanical Soil Technology
Contract Verti-Drain Aeration Service
800-743-2419 • 309-342-2419

Commercial/Environmental Turf Services
John Kirtland
800-231-5296 • 810-858-7700

• **FERTILIZERS, CHEMICALS & SEED** • • **EQUIPMENT, SERVICE & SUPPLIES** •

Benham Chemical Corporation
Serving Michigan and Ohio
800-482-6520

Tri-Turf
A Warehouse on Wheels
(616) 943-8343

Chipco
Bob Dugan
(313) 782-0323

Turfgrass Inc.
We Serve You Better
(800) 521-8873

The Scotts Company
Ed Carmody
(616) 946-6594

Lebanon-Seaboard Fertilizer & Seed
The Best Agronomics/Value Available
Randy - 810- 673-7146

Sweeney Seed Company
It Pays to Plant The Best
(800) 344-2482 (517) 773-5391

Turf Chemicals, Inc.
Fertilizers For Better Turf
517-725-7145 Fax 517-723-7410

Spartan Distributors, Inc.
Your Full Line Toro Distributor
800-822-2216

D & C Distributors, Inc.
Your One Stop Shop
800-888-7779 • 248-349-7779

Tire Wholesalers Company
Dan Cress - Tires & Tubes
(616) 775-6666

Turf Services, Inc.
Matt Heiss
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W. F. Miller Company
Your Cushman, Ransomes, Ryan Connection
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• **GOLF CART SALES & SERVICE** •

Boylan Sales Inc.
Yamaha USA
(616) 685-6828

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Lansing, Michigan 48908



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Internaitonal Sports Turf
Box 10065
College Station, TX 77842

NMTMA Executive Committee

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