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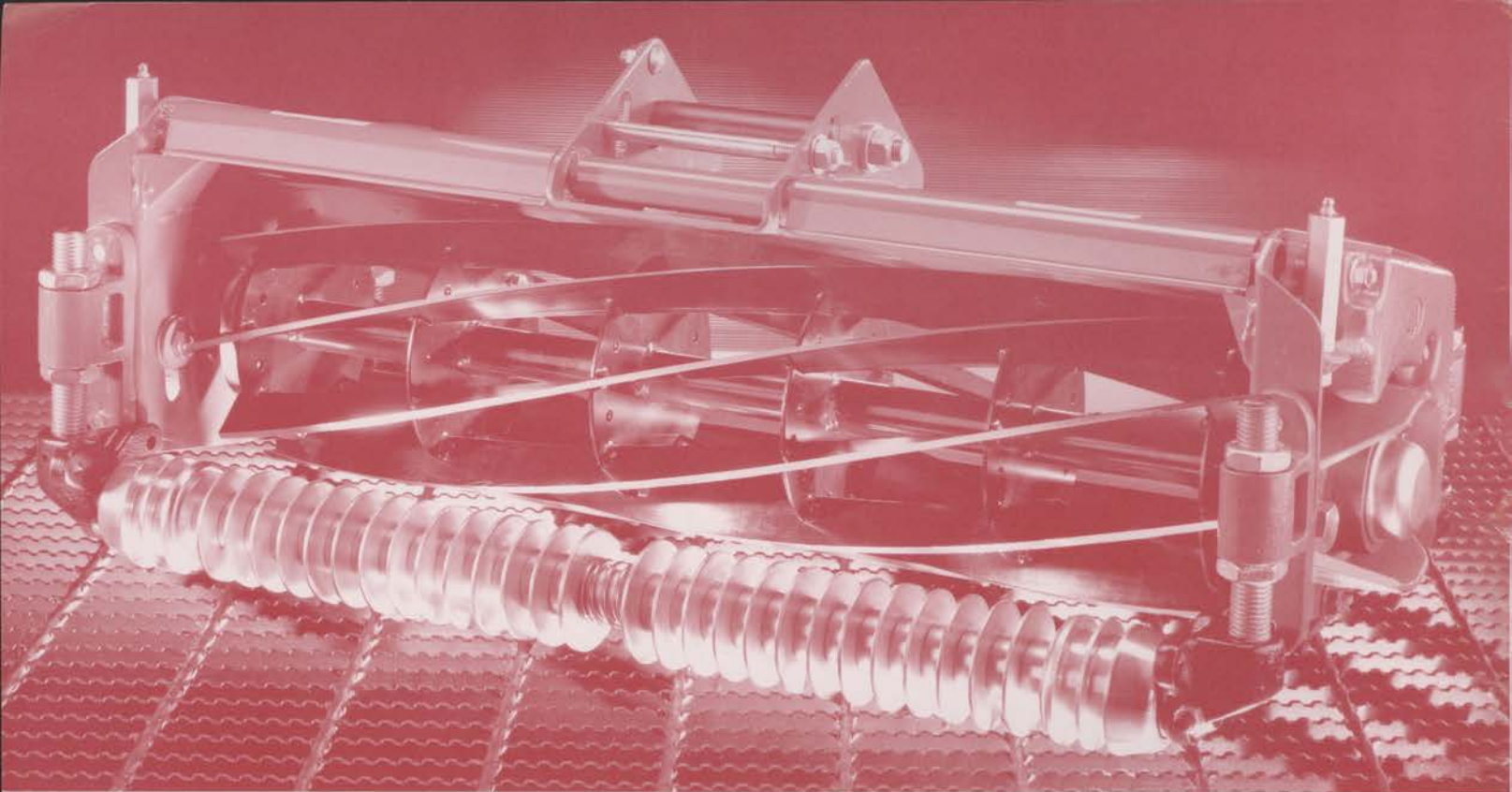
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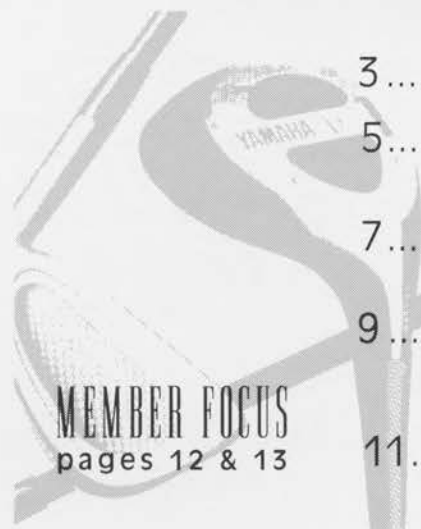
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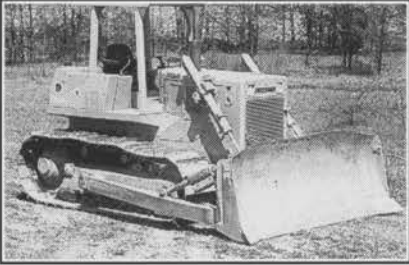


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- 4 ..... **Annual Christmas Party at Edgewood Country Club, Union Lake.** Celebrate the Season! Carey Mitchelson, chairman.
- 7-10 ... **Ohio Turf Foundation 1992 Conference & Show** For details call (614) 292-2601. Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 10 ..... **Year-end RoundTable** Taking place at Forest Lake Country Club. Superintendents Only.
- 7-11 ... **Michigan Turfgrass Short Course** Call the Turfgrass School Coordinator, Tim Doppel, at (313) 939-3636.
- 25 ..... **Happy Holidays!** Joy and blessings to Association members and their families.

## JANUARY

- 1 ..... **Bingo! We passed go and are on our way into 1993. Happy New Year!**
- ?? ..... **MBCGCS Association Meeting.** Tentatively scheduled for the week of January 11. Call (313) 335-1410 for more information.
- 5-7 ..... **Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Conference.** For information call the MTF at (517) 321-1660
- 23-31 .. **Annual GCSAA Conference.** Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Anaheim, CA
- 23-24 .. **GCSAA's Golf Championship.** Four challenging San Diego courses
- 26,27, 28 & 29 ..... **The Michigan Hospitality Room will be located in the Anaheim Hilton Hotel during the GCSAA Conference.** Say hello to fellow professionals. Watch for information about the Michigan Skins Game.

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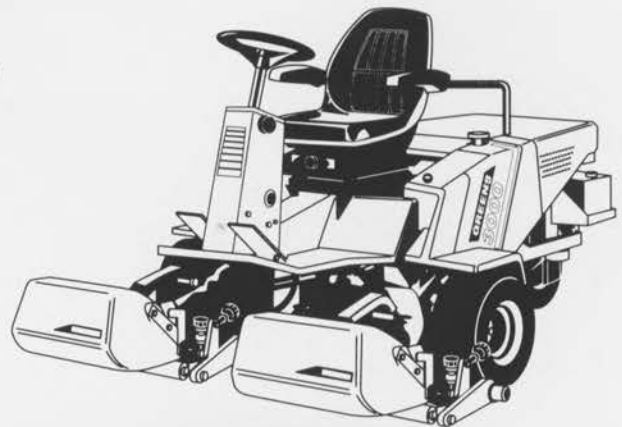
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November and December offer time for both relaxation and reflection—as the last leaves fall, clean up winds down, irrigation systems are winterized and fall projects near completion. We are able to relax a bit, put our feet on the desk and reflect upon the season now behind us.

We can ask ourselves: Was this season as good as it could have been? What can I do to improve my turf management skills? What can I do during these upcoming slower months to sharpen my skills and begin the upcoming season in full stride? And, just as important, did I fairly balance the time spent between my family and my job? There are many tough but necessary questions.

Our education committee works hard to offer opportunities for self-improvement, but in order to reap the harvest of winter's offerings you must take advantage of the opportunities offered by the GCSAA and the university system. The Michigan Turfgrass Conference is scheduled for early January in Lansing. Not only can you take advantage of the always timely educational sessions, you also can take the opportunity to speak in depth with MSU professors concerning virtually any turf related problem. Their accessibility leaves us without an excuse for finding solutions to most of our turf management questions.

The GCSAA also offers a tremendous selection of classes at regional sites throughout the country and, in January, at the national conference in Anaheim. It is more costly to attend these meetings, but what is the price tag for knowledge and for the chance to further your employment and income opportunities? We all have shortcomings, but we also have the power to attack these deficiencies through education. Don't let your greatest shortcoming be your inability to act.

Fortunately, the upcoming months provide us with more time to spend with our families. Isn't providing a good environment for our families our most important job? I may work like crazy to provide our golfers with the meanest and greenest golf course in all the land, but at what sacrifice? Don't let your golf course be your family's cross to bear. Ultimately, we are not judged by the money we make or by the greenness of our thumb, but by the wealth of caring we provide to those who need us.

Let's be thankful this Holiday Season for the opportunities we are afforded, the friendships we share and the time we now have to nurture our grand prize—a loving and caring family.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by Tim Doppel

Those of you who enjoy exercising may agree with me that one of the least enjoyable forms of staying fit is to do a lot of running in place. You work up a sweat, but don't really accomplish anything fun or see anything new. Running in place sort of describes what 1992 has been on the legislative and regulatory front.

We have spent a fair amount of time and energy watching and waiting to see what was going to happen with Regulation 637, the Pesticide Use Regulation. Initially, we thought it would be in place this past spring. Then it was June 1st, and now it will be next year. The Regulation was approved by the Michigan Legislature on September 16th, so full enforcement really will begin for us in spring '93.

Recall that Regulation 637 has a number of important features that you will need to consider. The first is posting. Many of you already are posting when you make your pesticide applications, but now it is the law. The other important point is the need for rinse and loading pads for your spray equipment. Although you do have one year to construct this pad, it is something that you may want to factor into your 1993 budget.

There is a requirement for commercial applicators to pre-notify "sensitive" individuals prior to making an application. Technically, golf facilities are exempt from this requirement. I would suggest, however, that in the interest of good public relations, you request a copy of the list when it is published. If there is someone on the list whose property abuts your course, why not give them a call prior to doing an application near their home. Since they cannot tell you not to make the application, it really doesn't put you in any kind of bind, and it would help you maintain good relations with your neighbors.

The other regulation that has finally passed is the Bulk Storage rule. If you currently have, or are considering installing, tanks to store pesticides in

quantities of more than 55 gallons, get a copy of this rule and read it carefully. It has very specific requirements that may influence how you feel about any of the conveniences of bulk handling and storage.

The final bit of activity in Michigan this year has centered around the issue of local pesticide regulations. As you may recall, in 1991 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that FIFRA does not preempt local ordinances. All across the country, states have been scrambling to write laws that will keep enforcement and rule making at the state level.

In Michigan, our fight has centered on Senate Bill (SB) 643. As I write this article the process continues; but, hopefully, as you read this it will be close to passage in the House. There seems to be quite a bit of momentum for this bill.

Although not the best legislation, it is a pretty good bill. It would preempt local ordinances unless specific local conditions required special action.

Even then, the locality would have to petition the Department of Agriculture for approval of their ordinance. You may be asked to write a letter or make a phone call on this bill very soon to help push it over the top. It only takes a moment; please help the cause.

And that's really the extent of any activity at the state level. I do not think that 1993 will be any worse. It is unlikely that any new regulations will be introduced since we have a lot to do to comply with 637 and the Department of Agriculture has a lot to do to enforce it. As far as legislation, I believe that we'll still be talking about preemption in 1993, either as a state law or maybe as an amendment to FIFRA. Depending on what happens with SB 643, we may even see a flurry of local ordinances. Be sure to watch your local newspapers for any sign of this. (Usually, the big papers will not cover this until it is passed.) If you see anything, please call your Association so we can get involved. ▽

**"As I write this article the process continues; but, hopefully, as you read this Senate Bill (SB) 643 will be close to passage in the House!"**



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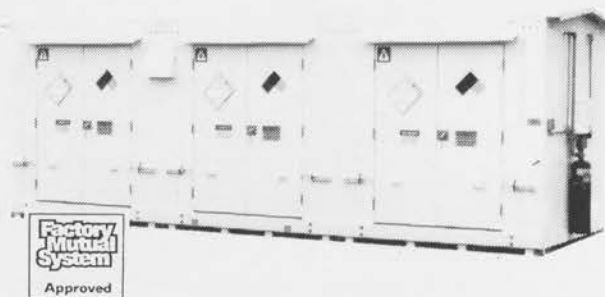
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# Around the Course:

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members and guests hit the links with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Most golfers won a sleeve of golf balls...winners had to beat Association president Ken Debusscher. Following golf, a delicious and hearty steak lunch was served. The guest speaker was Dr. Jeffrey Andresen, an agricultural meteorologist from MSU. Dr. Andresen provided some explanations about this season's weather and discussed his expectations for this winter. "The law of averages is upon us, we're due for a bad winter," he said. "I expect cold and a

significant amount of snow." Dr. Andresen gave a slide presentation followed by a question and answer session. Tom Stark was chairperson for the meeting. ▽



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The much-awaited annual MTF Conference will again offer a diverse lineup of speakers from Michigan State University at this annual educational meeting. In addition, the Conference has released a list out-of-state guest speakers, many widely recognized for their particular areas of expertise. The Conference dates have been moved to Tuesday, January 5, through Thursday, January 7, 1993. The date change is due to the GCSAA conference being held earlier than usual.

An additional change will be repeat talks from Golf I and Golf II sessions on Wednesday afternoon. The change was made because of smaller classroom capacity. The Ground session scheduled for Thursday will include a presentation on the research work that has been completed for the World Cup Soccer event.

Out-of-state speakers include:

Dr. Bruce Clark, Rutgers University, Turf Pathology  
Dr. Georgia Bryan, Iowa State University, Entomology  
Dr. Mark Carroll, University of Maryland, Turfgrass Research  
Dr. Nick Christians, Iowa State University, Turfgrass Research  
Dr. Mike Raupp, University of Maryland, Entomology, IPM  
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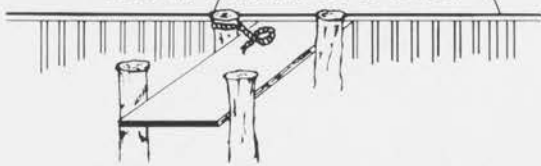
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Ron Dodson, New York Audubon Society  
Jim Snow, National Director USGA Greens Section  
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Tom King, World Cup Soccer at the Pontiac Silverdome  
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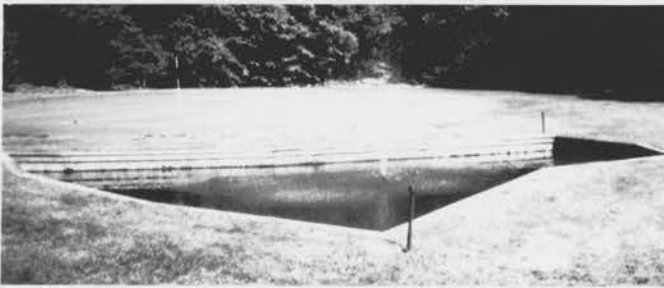
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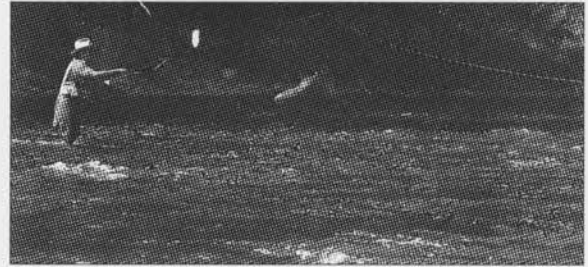


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The week opens with the annual GCSAA Golf Championship on January 23-24 at several courses in San Diego (see accompanying story for details about the Michigan GCSA golf tournament). The courses include Carlton Oaks Country Club, considered one of the toughest in San Diego (the entire course, tees, fairways and greens, is planted with bentgrass); Eastlake Country Club, a "thinking man's course," with course designer Ted Robinson's trademark water features; Mount Woodson Country Club, a short course that requires accurate shot placement off the tee and is very demanding around the greens with severe slopes and numerous deep bunkers; and Steele Canyon Golf Club with three very distinct and challenging nine-hole courses with numerous elevation changes. A field of 400 is expected to compete.

From the greens to the gavel. The keynote speaker at the Opening Session on Tuesday, January 26, will be Johnny Bench, the Baseball Hall-of-Fame catcher who led the Cincinnati Reds during their legendary "Big Red Machine" dynasty.

Fifty-four one- and two-day seminars will be offered during the first four days of the conference. Topics range from water quality and wildlife habitat conservation to employee safety training and managerial productivity. Six concurrent education sessions and several more forums are scheduled for Wednesday, January 27.

A record 600-plus manufacturers and distributors of golf and turf industry products, supplies and services are expected to exhibit at the trade show, January 28-30 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The familiar sound of the Beach Boys and their dozens of California fun and sun hits—"Help Me, Rhonda," "Good Vibrations" and "Surfin' USA"—will be the featured entertainment for the formal closing banquet on Saturday. The Banquet will highlight the

presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award, GCSAA's highest honor. This year's award will be presented to popular entertainer and LPGA hostess Dinah Shore.

The Michigan contingent of superintendents will once again sponsor a hospitality suite and the Annual Michigan Skins Game. See story sidebar for information. ▢



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Fritz McMullen, center in vest, answered questions prior to tee-off time for Skins Game participants.

## Mighty Michigan Skins

Do you remember the fun, tension and excitement of last year's Michigan Skins Game during the National Convention in New Orleans? Keep your clubs warm and your game in shape. Plans for the 1993 Michigan Skins Game are underway, and will be held prior to events at the 1993 GCSA of America's Annual Convention in San Diego. Just to remind you about last year's event we're showing off some of the participants. If you want to appear here next year, or in the next issue of *A Patch of Green*, contact Carey Mitchelson at 882-3001 for information on how to sign up for the 1993 Michigan Skins Game.

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### IMPORTANT REMINDER!

If you are planning to attend the GCSAA's Annual Convention in Anaheim, don't forget this important site: The Michigan Hospitality Room will be located in the Anaheim Hilton Hotel, January 26, 27, 28 and 29. This is the perfect opportunity to meet with alumni from the MBCGCS Association who have traveled to points around the state and the country. Enjoy the hospitality! Contact Mike Bay at (313) 626-8325

# MEMBER

"I see an analogy between life and the game of golf. In golf you hit some bad shots, some good shots, like the highs and lows of life, and it's not so much the way you hit the ball as it is what you do with the walk in between shots," said Michael "Mike" Hahn, Superintendent at Moravian Hills Country Club in Mt. Clemens, as he shared some of his philosophy on approaching life as well as how he views his profession and chosen career.

"My interest in working on a golf course is similar to other superintendents. I lived near a course in Indiana and played golf there every chance I could. Eventually the superintendent approached me and asked if I would be interested in working on the crew. It was a great high school job," Mike said.

Mike grew up in Indiana, started college at Indiana University (Purdue University, Fort Wayne) where he played three years of collegiate golf, including a stint as team. "Being able to play college golf was a big motivator for going to school. It was a great experience. I learned that playing golf competitively as a career wasn't something I was going to do, but the option of becoming a golf course superintendent was something I looked forward to and wanted to do." He received his B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from Eastern Kentucky University where he was honored with the Outstanding Turfgrass Student Award. He still continues education by maintaining his status as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. "In college my instructors were real big on being certified and being involved in some form of related education on an ongoing basis. If there is something I would like to see in our profession it's being certified or, like the club pros who have to belong to the PGA, being members of an association. I think

it adds professionalism to our work."

Studies in the areas of turf management, especially hands on, was something Mike found easy. Something that he finds a challenge—with no answers in a book—is the ability to successfully communicate with all the different groups at a golf course. "You may be at a place where the club is owned by an individual, or a group, and sometimes you have to answer to the club manager or the board. Plus you have the members to deal with. Having the ability to successfully communicate with people is an important aspect of our work. I would like see our Association offer some educational programs that relate to communication issues."

Mike is completing his second season at Moravian. Previously he was superintendent at two courses in Indiana. In the short amount of time he has been at Moravian, he's instituted a number of changes. "We grow our own replacement sod now; before,

How do you maintain this turf? You let nature take care of it. The turf growing out of this tree is the same as that on a nearby green.



The Clinton River runs through Moravian Hills Country Club creating a stunning view and some challenging golf shots.



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at Moravian Hills  
Country Club in  
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everything was seeded. As far as physical changes on the course go we've rebuilt three women's tees, reconstructed an entire approach area on one hole and we plan to re-contour some existing sand bunkers, converting them to grass bunkers." Mike works with the club manager and club pro and consults with a golf course architect prior to beginning the work. "We do all the construction and design; we're usually just looking for the final stamp of approval from the architect," Mike said.

During the season Mike has a crew of 15. "I had an excellent crew this year. A team can make or break you. You can be the smartest superintendent around, but if you can't keep your equipment out of the shop and your crew motivated, you aren't going to get the results you want and need to have a good golf facility." Mike likes to recruit high school students then train them in all phases of maintenance and equipment usage. "A couple of my crew members have returned to college, but they still come back two or three days a week plus the weekends to work."

Moravian Hills is a mature course, having been built some 50-years ago. The battle of the leaves takes place every fall, and it is subject to, the woes caused by vandalism. "There seems to be a real trend for tee markers. We've had a number of markers and flags stolen through the season." In the winter, sledders like to take to the hills of the course. "I'm sure families used to bring their kids out for sledding and probably didn't hurt anything. Now people come in, break green branches off to try and start bonfires or destroy the turf because there isn't enough snow on the ground to protect it. We have to be very vigilant about keeping people off the course."

The Clinton River winds through Moravian Hills, creating a beautiful pattern in the course layout. It also provides an excellent irrigation resource. "We bring water into a wet well then it's pumped out through our irrigation system." Mike said he likes to keep his turf "lean, mean and hungry," which makes the course play more competitively. "Sometimes I think we get too concerned about the color of the plant instead of what's best for it."

Because the course is surrounded by a bustling residential and business community, it has other challenges. The

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In preparation of changing regulations Mike had a chemical rinse pad built. Eventually the pad will be enclosed and used as a materials storage facility.



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Mike Hahn ,  
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The world renowned turfgrass faculty at MSU, including Dr. Joe Vargas, Dr. Paul Rieke, Dr. Trey Rogers, Dr. Dave Smitley and Dr. Bruce Branham, will instruct participants in the many aspects of the turfgrass industry, including golf course management, lawn care, athletic fields and sod production. This school was first offered in 1991 and was successfully completed by nearly 70 turfgrass professionals.

The 1992 School of Turfgrass Management will be held December 7 - 11, 1992, at the Kellogg Biological Research Station near Kalamazoo, Michigan. The school is open to turfgrass professionals of all skill levels. However, it is of particular use to those entering the turfgrass industry or professionals wanting to enhance their expertise. For more information and registration details, call the Turfgrass School Coordinator, Tim Doppel, at (313) 939-3636. ▽

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Robert "Bob" Pontius has distinguished himself by meeting certification requirements for 25 years!

### Robert Pontius Celebrates "Silver Anniversary" Receives Certification for Fifth CONSECUTIVE Time

The MBCGCS Association is especially proud of member Robert "Bob" Pontius. Bob has met the qualifications required to be named a Certified Golf Course Superintendent—for the fifth consecutive time, a total of 25 years of certification. At this time he is one of 14 superintendents in the world to have this distinction. The certification process is conducted by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

This year will mark a special personal achievement by Bob and his wife Gertrude. They will celebrate 45 CONSECUTIVE years of marriage. They have four children, David, Roberta, Richard and Nancy, and seven grandchildren (ages 13 years to eight weeks!).

When he's not busy running Top Course Service, Inc., which operates Taylor Meadows Golf Course in Taylor, you might find him golfing or hunting. Bob's entire family enjoys hunting, and, according to Gertrude, "We also love snowmobiling and this winter were hoping to do what we've been planning for the last couple of winters. We want to snowmobile across the upper peninsula."

Bob has been a superintendent for 38 years and according to his wife he's already taken some courses and is working toward his sixth consecutive certification. Gertrude, who spoke with obvious pride about Bob and his accomplishments, said, "Bob feels there is always something more to learn. He's very interested in many things."

Congratulations to Bob and his family. ▽





# THE EVENT BIG A SUCCESS

**N**inety foursomes playing at four area courses were the main ingredients for the 1992 Big Event on October 5. This year's outing marked the 27th time golf courses have donated their facilities and superintendents have come out to support this important fundraiser. Over \$19,000 was raised which will be donated to the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. The chairman for this year's Big Event was James Eccleton, C.G.C.S., from Arbor Hills Country Club in Jackson. "Once again we have to thank the four clubs who generously donated their facilities for the day and a special thanks to the superintendents who came out and supported this event," Eccleton said.

The four courses were: Tam-O-Shanter (Mike Bay, Superintendent), Orchard Lake Country Club (Jim Timmerman, Superintendent), Edgewood Country Club (Ken McRae, Superintendent) and Birmingham Country Club (Tom Mason, Superintendent). "The courses were in great shape and the weather was spectacular," Eccleton said.

Following the Big Event, the Big Dinner was served at Roma Hall in Bloomfield. Prime rib and great service put a perfect finish on the day. Prizes were donated by numerous businesses and golf clubs. Thirty-seven prize winners took home items ranging from VCRs and televisions to Portable CD Players and Walkmans, plus various golf packages. A complete list of donors and the team winners at each course is provided here.

Tentative locations for the 1993 Big Event are Oakland Hills Country Club, Franklin Hills Country Club, Grosse Ile Country Club and Katke-Cousins Golf Club. The first Monday in October is the probable date. ▽

TAM-O-SHANTER  
*Country Club*



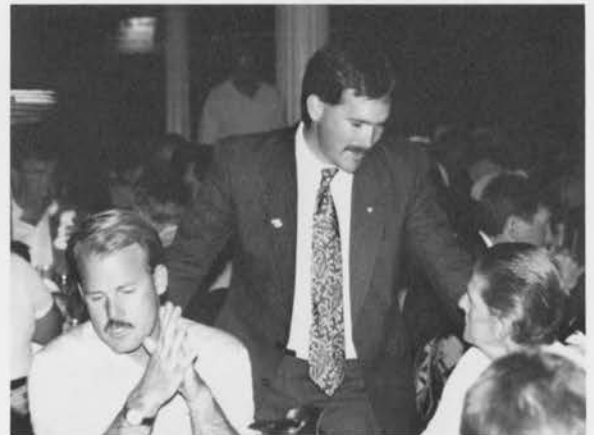
ABOVE: James Eccleton, CGCS, and Chairman of the 1992 Big Event, welcomes golfers to the dinner, held at Roma's of Bloomfield.



ABOVE: James Bogart, President of Michigan Turfgrass Foundation (MTF), thanked everyone who helped make the Big Event a Big Success. Monies raised from the event are donated to the MTF for turf research.



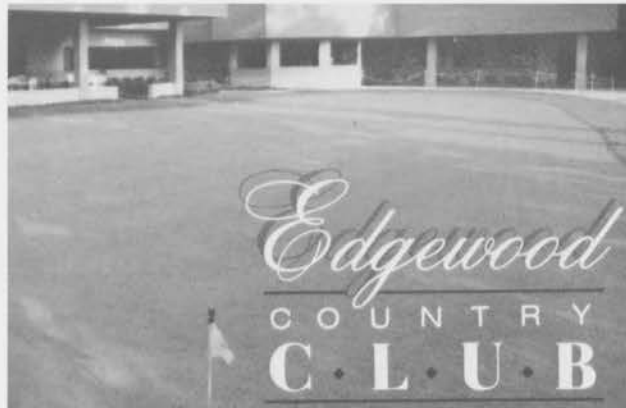
RIGHT: Pictured left, Mike Bay, Tam-O-Shanter Host, Pictured far right, Doug Melton, Shenandoah Golf Club.



RIGHT: More than 350 individuals participated in the 1992 Big Event. Here James Eccleton stops by a table to talk with some golfers.



RIGHT: Everyone connected with the event was a winner... perhaps some won a little more? Here Kevin Dushane takes home a Kenwood CD player. Thanks to many \$\$ donations the Association purchased some wonderful gifts for their drawing.



BELOW: A special "Marquee" listing the names of companies who sponsored the Big Event. Their generosity is one of the reasons the event is so successful. Bob Rabideau, Special Tees, donated the sign.

RIGHT: A special guest speaker was Dr. Fred Poston, Dean and Vice Provost, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU.



BELOW RIGHT: Bob Rosbury (left) and Don Fields (right) select the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

BELOW LEFT: Doug Johanningsmeier (left) and Steve Kolongowski donated many hours of their time as committee members of the Big Event. Doug frequently donates his photography skills to many Association events. Each issue of A Patch of Green contains a "Doug Johanningsmeier" photo or two!



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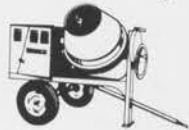
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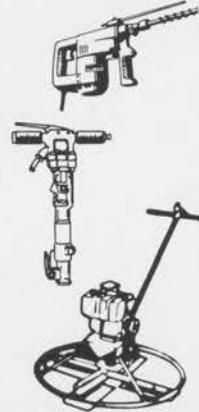
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by Jay Delcamp, Katke-Cousins, Grounds Superintendent

There were many excuses, but the most popular was, "If the wind would let up to only 30 miles an hour, I would love to play it again, Sam."

On September 10 the Michigan Golf Course Superintendents invaded Frankenmuth and the beautiful rolling acres known as "The Fortress." The purpose was to bring home the trophy from the 1992 Superintendents Championship. However, after all the slashing and hacking was over, the battle was lost to the golf course. There were many excuses, but the most popular was, "If the wind would let up to only 30 miles an hour, I would love to play it again, Sam."

Many thanks go to Scott Watkins, Ground Superintendent, and his crew for the great shape and appearance of the course for our tournament. The Championship was almost canceled due to the rain the night before; however, Scott and his team did an excellent job in preparation. Thanks were also given to the staff at Zender's for being so hospitable in serving us an outstanding traditional dinner.

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## 1992 MICHIGAN GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

### Championship Flight

Champion	Keith Paterson
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3rd Net	Carey Mitchelson

### First Flight

Low Gross	Clint Overn
1st Net	Tom Stark
2nd Net	George Raske
3rd Net	Dan Lucas

### Second Flight

Low Gross	John Oles
1st Net	John Shreve
2nd Net	Roy Szyndlar
3rd Net	Scott Gardiner

Congratulations to all winners! ▾



MBCGCS Association board member Jay DelCamp (left) talks with Jimmy Johnson from Ciba-Geigy. Ciba-Geigy generously sponsored this year's Championship.



Keith Paterson, Superintendent at Ken Country Club in Rockford, was the winner of the Championship Flight.



John Oles, Superintendent at Scalawags Golf Club in Mt. Clemens and member of the MBCGCS Association, took home the trophy for first place (Low Gross), Second Flight.



Scott Watkins, Grounds Superintendent at "The Fortress" (and new member of the MBCGCS Association), and his crew were congratulated for having the course in superior condition...in spite of four and one-half inches of rain the night before the MCGCSA Championship.



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## MEMBER FOCUS

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links run parallel with a major thoroughfare which has an effect on the grounds. "The tee box for #17 sits along the highway. When winter comes and the plows and salt trucks go by, the area gets sprayed with the materials. The barrier we created with shrubs can't take the abuse, so we'll replace them with a more durable, permanent structure."

Mike continues to love the game of golf, although he has little

time for it now. "I don't really enjoy golfing on my course, mainly because I start seeing things I need to do and don't focus on the game." He did spend a couple of weeks this summer getting his game back in shape and played in the Michigan Amateur. "I shot an 82 which I was happy with considering I'd only played a few rounds to get my game in shape."

Ice hockey with a team of fellow superintendents, roller blading and playing football (the 12th fairway is the perfect playing field) are Mike's non-golf interests. A secret desire? Singing. Mike enjoys stretching his vocal chords at local karaoke spots.

Mike lives in Mt. Clemens and has a son, Geoffrey, age 9. Geoff shares his father's interest in golf. He was the runner-up in the statewide Indiana Pee Wee Golf program this summer.

Even when the snow hits the links Mike is very involved in what's happening at the course. "I stop by the course every day throughout the winter. We have seven acres of parking lots to maintain, so we're plenty busy year-round." ▽

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## Third Gene LaBelle Memorial Outing: A BIG DRAW

Sycamore Hills was the site of the Gene LaBelle Memorial Outing Best Ball Scramble. Proceeds from the event are used for two educational awards. One is a cash award given to a student in the Michigan State University Turf Program. The student turf award is based on an artistic or creative response to a statement provided by the committee. The winner will receive their award at the 1993 Turf Conference. Proceeds are also used to purchase ten Black's Law Dictionaries which are given to students in Law 268, Evidence and Criminal Procedure, at Macomb Community College. Five dictionaries are given for students scoring the highest on mid-semester exams in the fall and spring semesters.

Top finishers received plaques; winners of the Longest Drive, Greg Seago, and Closest to the Pin, Tim Weller, received a driver and wedge, respectively, for their golfing skills. The clubs were donated by the Gowanie Golf Club in Mt. Clemens.

The first place team, billed as the "Luckiest or Most Talented," was Rich Weiler, Bob Feys, Don Goldpaugh and Jack Richter. The last place team, or "Greatest Potential for Improvement," was Carol Long, Shirley Derderian, Diane Woody and Phyllis MacLeod.

MBCGCS Association board member Paul Kolbe won a beautiful set of Titleist Clubs, also donated by Gowanie Golf Club, during a prize drawing raffle.

Plans for the fourth Memorial Gene LaBelle Outing are already underway. Once again students will benefit from the support of the LaBelle family and participants in the annual event. ▽



The Gene LaBelle Golf Outing is a great example of family values! Pictured left to right: Annette LaBelle, Pat LaBelle (MBCGCS Association member and assistant superintendent at Gowanie Golf Club), Jeanette LaBelle, Dave LaBelle (assistant superintendent at Paint Creek).



Longest Drive winner Greg Seago holds a plaque he can proudly display and a beautiful driver, donated by Gowanie Golf Club, that he can pound some golf balls with.



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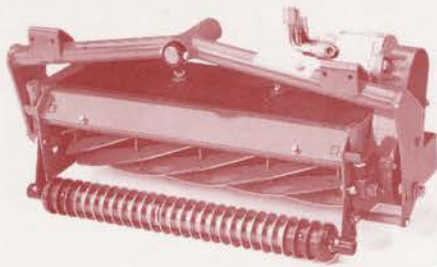
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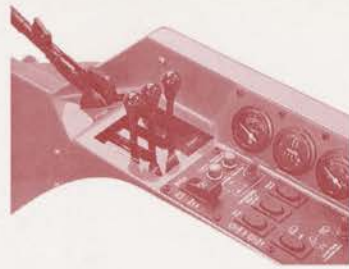
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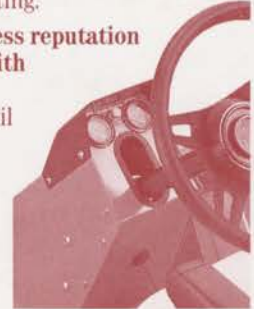


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