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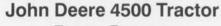


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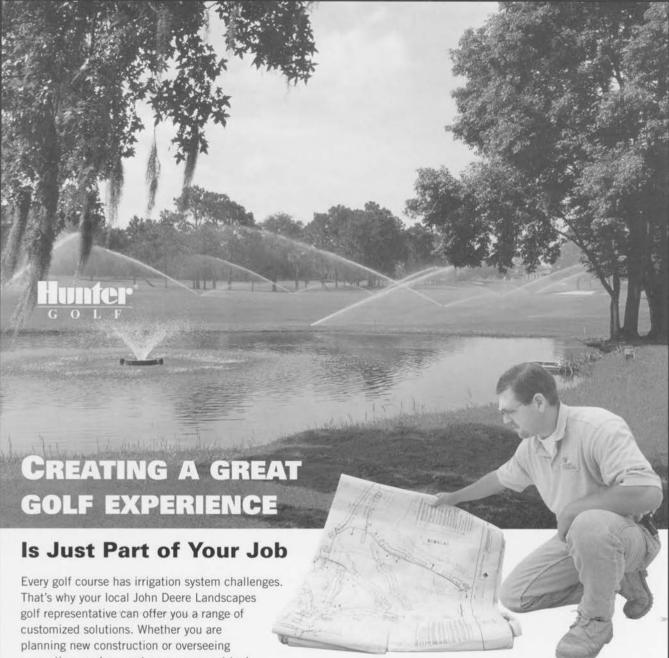
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# on par with president



Welcome to the 2002 golf season. As your new president, I look forward to serving you. The G.D.G.C.S.A. has a full slate of meetings, outings and fundraisers for you to participate in. It is up to you, the membership, to make these meetings successful. We need volunteers to help run our functions, but most of all we need everyone to attend the meetings. The main problem the board has struggled with for years has been the lack of participation. So, let me give you a few reasons it is important to become involved.

The first reason, and most important, is the knowledge of your fellow superintendents. Who better to go to and get the answers to your questions than someone who has been there and done that? There are very few times when two superintendents get together and information is not exchanged. Shop talk will drive wives crazy, but is such a beneficial way to come up with new ideas.

The second benefit of attending meetings is the support we all need to make it through a long season. This support can only come from the people who have gone through the same long days and seasons. Everyone has some sort of problem to deal with, and knowing that others have gotten through similar situations can be very comforting. Our fellow superintendents help guide us through tough times and also give us the tools necessary to communicate course issues to our golfers.

To conclude, I would like to say that all will not be solved by attending our functions. The effort to set aside time in our busy schedules is tough. The benefits you get meeting with other superintendents outweighs the effort it takes to get involved. As a wise superintendent once told me, "The people who don't attend our meetings need the association more than the association needs them. They just don't know it yet."

Yours,

Mark McKinley





## 2002 Michigan Room



Michigan Association members from all over the state enjoyed a great time this year, with Co-Chairman Jon Shreve, CGCS of Lakelands Golf and Country Club pointing the way.







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## 2002 MICHIGAN ROOM

This year's Michigan Hospitality room was held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida and was the place to be on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, 240 plus people stopped by for a drink and snack before making other plans; on Friday, 180 people visited the room. It's good to see people from Michigan who are in other parts of the country stop by to get re-acquainted. On Friday, the affiliated chapters gave awards to honor their members with a presentation and plaque. The Greater Detroit Chapter honored Clem Wolfram with the Meritorious Service Award for his long-standing commitment and contributions to the Greater Detroit Golf Course Superintendents. The Western Chapter honored Bill Madigan with their Distinguished Service Award, and the Northern Chapter honored Ed Karcheski, who passed away on April 1, 2001. Ed was the Golf Professional at Traverse City Golf and Country Club for 32 years, as well as the Golf Course Superintendent for 20 of those 32 years.

I would like to thank the members of my committee. First and foremost, Mike Fouty, who coordinated to have the MSU Turf Students available to work at the door to get everyone registered. Thanks also to Dr. Rogers for supplying the students. Thanks to Ron Abbott for helping me with the details in setting up the room. The week before the conference Ron and I were on the phone daily, making last minute changes to the room. To Joe Jehnsen and John Fulling from the Western Chapter, thanks for helping with last-minute donation pledges so we would have enough money to sponsor a quality room. Credit goes to Dan Bissonette and Steve Hammon, from the Northern Chapter, for help with ideas in the room setup. To My wife Kath, daughter Emma and son Jacob, I appreciate your help with hauling me around greater Orlando and being with me on the first night. Last, but not least, a big thanks to Kate Mason for all her help with the paperwork, details and accounting and the vendors and individuals who generously donated to the room during this economic downturn. I look forward to working with everyone to make next year's "Michigan Room" in Atlanta, Georgia even bigger and better.

Sincerely,

Jon Shreve, CGCS

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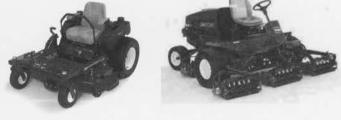


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## 2002 SALT RIVER MEETING

by Robert King

Once again Salt River Golf and Bowling center and Superintendent Mark O'Mell hosted our annual Superintendents Leadership Series seminar. A total of 51 members joined together for a day of education and bowling. Our topic was The History of Greenkeeping with Mr. Bruce Williams as the speaker. Mr. Williams has been in golf course maintenance since he was a young boy, with his dad in the Chicago area. He is currently the Golf Course Superintendent at the Los Angeles Country Club. He was the recipient of the 2002 GCSAA Distinguished Service Award and is a GCSAA past president.

The History of Greenkeeping seminar provided members with a perspective of golf course maintenance that many of us have not heard or seen, including how golf course maintenance evolved and how golf became popular. Although we would not use most of the early maintenance practices, I still came away with a heightened awareness of how our industry began, the importance of those initial trials, and how much we have progressed in just 75 years. On any given day some of us complain about our jobs yet we should feel fortunate to be in a business with such a rich tradition and a rewarding future. All superintendents should continue to take advantage of the education and friendship that is available to all of us. A total of .35 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) were given to all of those who attended and



Seminar speaker Bruce Williams leads discussion on the history of greenkeeping



Host Superintendent Mark O'Mell (left) and Spring Seminar speaker Bruce R. Williams, CGCS

those CEUs can be used toward certification and renewal as CGCS.

Immediately following the discussion was a delicious buffet lunch, then members split into 4-man teams to bowl for bragging rights, team high games, mystery games, and strike pots. Jay Eccleton, Jim Kruger, Kris Early, and Dan Dingman won the first team high game. What a bunch of sandbaggers! Winners of the second team high game were Al DeGrazia, Rick Murphy, Jim McGuire and Gary Brookshire. Other winners were:

1st Mystery Game
Joe Singles and Kris Early - 244
2nd Mystery Game
Jerry McVety - 212
1st Strike Ball
Mike McClure
2nd Strike Ball
Jerry McVety

I would like to thank our host, Superintendent Mark O'Mell, and his staff for providing a great day of education, camaraderie, and fun. Also, thanks to Don Fields and Keith Richards for pushing tickets.

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## IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF GREENKEEPING

1457	Golf begins in Scotland
1542	Mary Queen of Scots plays golf at St. Andrews
1552	Town Charter of St. Andrews reserves land for golf link use
1759	Stroke play developed
1774	First written mention of a "greenkeeper"
1809	David Denholm was paid 6 pounds annually as a greenkeeper
1820	Maine becomes a state
	Cup cutter invented
1830	First lawnmower (grass cutting machine) patented
1836	Texas declares independence from Mexico
1865	Old Tom Morris employed by St. Andrews
1888	First golf course in America
1893	Chicago G.C. is the first 18 hole golf course in America
1894	USGA is established
1896	First gasoline driven mower
1897	LACC founded
1909	USGA ruling on caddies & greenkeepers as professionals
1911	First golf course irrigation system installed - National Golf Links
1917	First authoritative book on Turfgrass Science written by Piper & Oakley
1920	USGA Green Section established & Golden Age of Architecture
1921	Toro mounts 5 mowers behind a tractor to mow fairways at Minikhada C.C.
1922	Winged Foot C.C. opens 36 holes - Tillinghast design
1925	First complete fairway irrigation system is installed at Brook Hollow C.C Dallas
1926	GCSAA established - NAGA formed with 60 men in Sylvania, Ohio-Col. John Morley was elected as
1007	first president
1927	First "Turf Schools" U. Mass, followed by Penn St. and Rutgers in '29
	First issue of National Greenkeeper
1000	USDA invents perfect grass - bentgrass
	First NAGA Conference had 14 Turf experts, 350 registrants and 27 exhibitors
1929	5,648 golf courses in U.S. 600 new courses a year were built from 1923-1929
	Stock Market crashes and depression begins
	NAGA establishes an "employment bureau"
1021	USGA formally recognizes the greenkeeper's status
1931	5 men appointed to USGA Green Section Advisory Committee
1932	DSA is established by NAGA
1933	
1900	NAGA Auxillary disbands
	Begin publishing Greenkeeper's Bulletin and then Greenkeeper's Reporter
	Augusta National opens
1936	
1000	Drum aerator developed
1938	Name change to GSA - Greenkeeping Superintendents Association
1000	500 members in organization
	Tradition of golf tournament begins
1939	
1940	
	Office space over a Chicago area tavern is rented for 1st real GSA office
	C&S in NY examination requirement for membership passes but suspended in WW II years
1941	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor-US enters WWII

## IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF GREENKEEPING

1945	Col. W.J. Baird keeps Leavenworth GC open by letting 100 sheep "mow the course" Annual meetings & conference and shows are suspended from 1943-1945
1010	Many supts. serve their country by growing turf for airstrips, etc.
1946	First Mascaro aerifier developed Post War era
	Broadleaf herbicides - phenoxys and 2,4-D
	Sterilization/fumigation
	Soil aerification takes off
	1st fungicides are developed and commercially available insecticides/nematicides
	new fertilizer products are developed for turf
	• new grasses
	safety in the workplace - OSHA
1948	First Golf Cart
1951	Name change to GCSAA
1952	Eisenhower elected "Golfing President" with the Augusta White House
1953	Penncross developed at Penn State by Burt Musser and Joe Duich
	US Open televised for the 1st time
1954	Penncross creeping bentgrass released
1955	Golf Cars are brought onto golf courses
	GCSAA S&R established
	Zelda Baxter is the 1st female member of GCSAA (Carthage, IL)
1959	GCSAA hires 1st executive director in Dr. Gene Nutter
1960	Arnold Palmer has his best year and wins Masters, US Open and 2nd in British Open
1961	Silent Spring published by Rachel Carson
1060	US now has 5 million golfers
1962 1965	USGA publishes "Recommendations for a Method of Putting Green Construction"  Triplex mower comes on the scene
1970	EPA established
1970	GCSAA has 3,000 members
1971	GCSAA develops Certification Program
1972	C&S has 390 exhibitors and 4,053 attendees
1973	GCSAA moves to Lawrence, KS
1976	GCSAA 50th anniversary in Sylvania, OH
1977	US Open TV coverage of all 18 holes
	Stimpmeter averages 5'6"-5'7" at average course
	HOC is 3/16-1/4" and bedknives were the limiting factor
1980	Verti-Drain developed
1981	Membership of GCSAA is 5,000
	12,000 courses in the US
1982	USGA-GCSAA joint research program established
1985	USGA Slope system established
1986	Computerization is the new horizon
1990	Hydroject developed
1991	Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program established
1992	14,375 golf courses in US
	More public golf is evident GPS
1994	Membership in GCSAA exceeds 14,000
1994	www.gcsaa.org
1997	Affiliation agreement is approved
2000	

## Watch for Grub Damage in the Rough

by David Smitley
M.S.U. Department of Entomology

Checking for grubs. Superintendents in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula (south of a line from Saginaw to Muskegon) should watch for European chafer damage in the rough. If European chafer is active on your golf course, you have probably already seen damage from skunks, raccoons or crows. We have had an unusual fall because new European chafer damage appeared in late November, sometimes in areas where no damage had been seen earlier. This is because we had a dry July and August - perfect for European chafer, then a moist September and October that masked grub damage. Consequently, at M.S.U. we began to see large dead patches of turf and bare soil for the first time in late November. European chafer grubs become active this time of year as soon as we get some sunny days and temperatures climb above 50°. Watch for dead patches of turf turning to bare soil in March and April. If Merit was used in July last summer (or May to early August) grub damage is unlikely where the Merit was applied. Check around damaged areas for the presence of white grubs by pulling back some turf and counting the number of grubs/square foot. Expect additional damage over the next 4 to 8 weeks where more than 5/sq ft. is found. Skunks are good at finding the hot spots for grubs (more than 10/sq fi).

What can I do now? Pull samples from around the damaged areas to find out where the grubs are, because patches of dead turf will grow larger and larger in March and April. Spot-treat damaged areas and heavily infested turf with Dylox, Sevin, Turcam or Mocap. Merit and Mach2 will not control grubs now. Our choices are limited. Mocap may have an unpleasant odor, Dylox and Sevin do not work well when the pH is 7.8 or higher, and Turcam is being phased out. Sprayable formulations will not work well unless they are watered-in immediately after application. Granulars are more stable after application but they must be watered-in with a 1/2 inch of irrigation or by rain before they will affect grubs. Check treated areas about 3 weeks later to see how well the insecticide worked. Use a map of the golf course to mark the rough where grub damage is observed. This map can be used to apply Merit or Mach2 next summer.

**Reseeding.** If grubs are present, an insecticide should be applied 3 weeks before reseeding. Grubs can eat grass seed and the roots of new grass plants.

Your battle plan for this year. Although the hot spots for grub damage move about somewhat from year to year, depending on adult beetle activity, there is a tendency for the same areas to be hit repeatedly.

1. Apply Merit in early July. Refer to your grub damage map made this spring, and treat the areas most heavily damaged. I do not recommend treating all of the rough. 2. Watch for the first signs of grub injury in September and spot treat where needed. Now we are back to where we started at the beginning of this article. It's a continuous baffle once European chafer gets started on your golf course. The worst falls will follow a dry July and August, because European chafer does not survive well in moist soil.

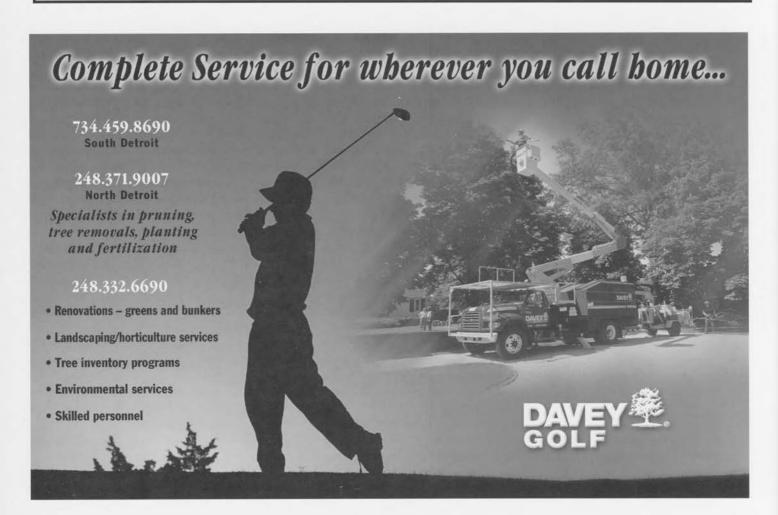


## September 11th Relief Fund Update

At the Big Event last October, GDGCSA decided to donate the association's portion of the 50/50 monies collected to a 9/11 Relief Fund. When this was announced, Rob Grutza, a retired firefighter and a member of Lakelands Country Club, was so moved that he offered to match whatever was collected in the 50/50 raffle. With Mr. Grutza's contribution, GDGCSA was able to make a donation of \$3,525.

In November, John Carlone, CGCS of Metropolitan GCSA announced that his chapter was going to organize a relief effort to help out families that were directly effected by the events of 9/11. GDGCSA's Board of Directors decided to contribute the money raised at the Big Event to this cause.

The letter on the next page is from GCSAA President Michael Wallace updating the progress of this charitable effort.



Mr. Mark McKinley President Greater Detroit GCSA Polo Fields Golf & CC 5200 Polo Fields Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Dear Mark:

Thank you for your chapter's support of the September 11th relief efforts. The contribution received from your organization has played an important part in providing assistance to families in need.

To date, 18 chapters have donated more than \$40,000 to this initiative. Under the leadership of John Carlone, CGCS of the Metropolitan GCSA, four families have been selected to each receive a \$7,500 donation. The following provides information about the individuals who lost their lives and their families that you and your members were able to help:

**John Fanning,** chief of the Hazardous Materials Operations Unit, 32-year New York City Fire Department veteran -- Mr. Fanning rushed to the World Trade Center immediately after the first plane struck and was there to see the second one hit. Survivors have told his family that he was last seen helping the wounded. He leaves behind five children ranging in age from 5 to 29. The youngest two are both autistic. His dream was to build a home for autistic children when they had nowhere else to go. The donation has been directed to The Jack Fanning Memorial Trust.

**James Geyer,** 41, employee of Cantor Fitzgerald -- Mr. Geyer leaves behind a wife of 17 years and three children ages 13, 11 and 7. James was a youth soccer coach and an avid golfer. His favorite course was Bethpage Black, site of the 2002 US Open. The donation was directed to The James Geyer Family Fund.

Brian C. McAleese, 36, FDNY Engine Company #226 -- Mr. McAleese died while in the line of duty at the World Trade Center. Brian left behind a wife and four children under the age of 5. His father and brother were also members of the FDNY. His brother Kevin is a member of the NYPD. The donation was given to Brian's widow to assist with family needs.

**Joseph P. Spor, Jr.,** 35, FDNY Rescue Ladder #3 -- Mr. Spor died heroically while assisting in rescue efforts. Joseph was married with four small children ranging in age from 9 months to 6 years, The donation was made to the children's trust fund.

The Metropolitan GCSA is continuing to research additional families in need. Once the families are selected, the remaining chapter contributions will be distributed and an update to all participating chapters will be provided.

I would like to recognize John Carlone for his dedication to this project. John spent many hours talking with the widows of the four gentlemen who lost their lives. It has been an emotional time for John and he is to be commended for his commitment to ensuring the donation made by your organization is helping a family in need.

Again, thank you for your generous contribution to the Chapter Relief Effort. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Teri Harris, Director of Development for The GCSAA Foundation, at (800) 472-7878, ext. 465.

Sincerely,

Michael Wallace. CGCS GCSAA President

cc: Mr. John Carlone, CGCS GCSAA Board of Directors The GCSAA Foundation Board of Trustees Mr. Stephen F. Mona, CAE, CEO Ms. Kate Mason, Executive Director/Secretary

## The Holiday Party

(Right) - John Nowakowski with Cathy Murphy







(Above) - Gene and Barbara Johanningsmeier





(Above Left) - Kevin and Diana Schilbe of Schilbe Tree Care

(Above Right) - Audrey and Michael Blasky, City of Birmingham Golf Courses



(Left) - John and Martha Nowakowski, Port Huron Golf Club

(Right) - Co-Chair Ron Abbott addresses the guests



## **Holiday Party**

by Rick Murphy and Ron Abbott

The 2001 GDGCSA Holiday Party was held Saturday, December 8, at the Fox Theater in downtown Detroit. The evening began with a delicious sit-down dinner, followed by the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, starring the Rockettes. During the afterglow, while dessert was served, President Roy Szyndlar presented Past President Paul Kolbe with his departing gift. Roy then introduced new President Mark McKinley, who briefly addressed the guests.

Holiday decoration door prizes were awarded to four lucky people. The winners were:

Barbara Johanningsmeier Ken DeBusscher Barb Kolbe Jill Skaife We would like to thank those people who contributed to the success of the evening, including Jim McGuire and Rosalie, Kate Mason, Paul Kolbe, Sally Kean and Molly Briggs and the staff of the Fox Theater.





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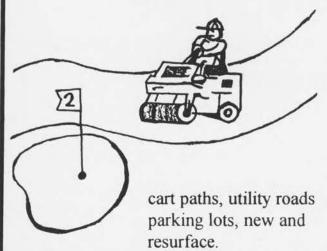
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## **Heritage Award Essay**

In 1996 GDGCSA initiated the Heritage Award to recognize individuals in non-turf related post graduate secondary education, whose parents are members of our association. The recipients are selected on the basis of an essay. This year's participant's essays were based on their response to the following question: **Describe you own perceptions of the role of golf in the American society today, and how your life has been impacted by your parents' involvement with this industry.** In this issue, 2001 award winner Amy Fifer shares her article with us. If you have questions about the Heritage Award, contact Co-Awards Chairmen Mike Fouty or Scott Ford.

by Amy Fifer

According to the American College Dictionary, golf is "an outdoor game..." I believe that there are many ways that people view golf and many reasons that people golf. Golfing seems to be a social activity of sorts. Often you will find that people tend to golf with their friends and family. This is a time when people with common interests can relax and spend time together. For instance, my father and I do not live together, and so, to avoid the general "let's do lunch or dinner", we might go golfing. This is a time that we can spend together and not be embarrassed due to our lack of skill in the game. Other people, however, do not view golf as relaxing. To them it is something they must master, or at least come out with the lowest score at the end of the day or at the end of a tournament. You can also find a completely different group of people who do not consider golf a sport in which a decent amount of skill is involved. There are, indeed, many different ways to view the game of golf, and because of that I cannot settle with only one role of golf in the American society today.

My mother is a golf course superintendent. My mom, not my dad? Yes, my mom. This is something that is uncommon in the industry. There are people who still believe that men should run the golf course industry. But, because my mother is in the industry, there have been times in which she was hurt either emotionally or within the industry itself. My mom is a very hard worker, working as hard as the men. She cannot paint her nails or wear much makeup, except for the grease that rubs off of the machinery onto her or her clothes. She does not try to go to work looking cute, she goes knowing that one minute everything will be working as it should and the next minute she might be digging in the ground trying to fix that dam irrigation break that won't go away. My mom never saw me play in a golf match in high school and she never made it to any of my soccer games in high school either. I am not bitter about that. I actually understand because I know that she wanted to be there, she just couldn't be. Women's golf and soccer are spring sports in high school and as you well know spring and summer are the busiest times at the golf course. The ten-to-twenty-hour days, depending if you work on a private course or a public course, the number of holes on the course, the size of the next day's outing, the size of your crew and many other things determine how much time you spend at work and whatever is left is time that you spend with the family. These are the reasons that my mom couldn't make my games and matches. These are the reasons that my mom is always tired.

I worked for four summers with my mom, and I can honestly say that I do not want to be involved with the golf course industry as a profession. The hours are nothing short of amazing, the work is between boring and extremely dirty, depending on what you are assigned to do that day. Beyond the work is the attitude. The attitude is not something you get only from golfers, but you get it from fellow employees, and even the people who work in the pro-shop. It's amazing to think that my mother and other superintendents deal with the attitude daily. Some golfers expect you to get out of their way long before they even get near you. They think that you are just a pest out there trying to ruin their game and don't stop to think that if it was not for you and other people on the crew, they would not be golfing such a nice course. Without the crew and the superintendent; the course would not look nice because nothing would ever get done. The grass would not get mowed, the tees would be in the same spot providing little challenge to yesterday's golfer, the pins and cups would be in the same spot, also providing little challenge, trash would be all over the course because of yesterday's careless golfer and whatever animals found there at the course. Many other things would not get done without the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and their crew members. The people who work in the pro shop sometimes, not always, think that the grounds crew is just a group of dirty people who get in the way and try to complicate life for them. Often, the pro shop staff does not respect the grounds crew, and that is disheartening. The crew itself holds little or no regard for the superintendent. A superintendent may get lucky and have a few who think that the job is worth doing and that the superintendent actually knows what he or she is doing but, most don't realize that the superintendent went to school for four or more years to make sure he or she really does know what needs to be done and how it needs to be done. These are only a few things that my mother has to deal with.

My mom has encountered issues that extend beyond the normal issues experienced by male golf course superintendents because she is a woman. These issues and responsibilities that my mother has have changed my life. I did not have a mother who was a Girl Scout Troop

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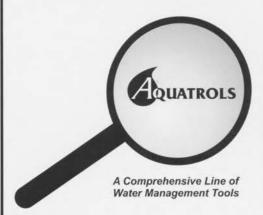


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#### Heritage Award (continued)

Leader. I was lucky that sometimes she could go to camp with me and see my soccer and t-ball games, my gymnastics meets, my ballet recitals, and my band and choir concerts. I think that I appreciate her more now than if she would have been the average mother. I do not lie to my mother and even during my not so rebellious period, I never lied to her. It is because I respect her so much that I value her input and respect her opinions about my life and my future. When she comes home and collapses on the couch, I feel sorry for her. She is tired, overworked and under appreciated, like many superintendents out there. I hope that one day she will find a superintendent position that will not kill her from the inside out. My mother's career has had a positive impact on our relationship, and even though I wish she was not so overworked, under appreciated, underpaid, and tired, I am glad that she is a superintendent, because other than the hours, and under appreciation, it is what she loves.

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## Board Meeting Highlights Forest Lake Country Club Monday, January 28, 2002

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present - Abbott, Billette, Ford, McKinley, McMullen, Shreve, Schweihofer Absent - Fouty, King, Szyndlar

#### FINANCE (King)

Dec. Assn. svgs: \$54,693.48 Dec. Fdtn. svgs: \$24,057.41 Dec. Assn. chkg: \$610.05 Dec. Fdtn. chkg: \$133.97

### AWARDS (McKinley)

Heritage Recipients - Amy Fifer and Allyson Miller Turfgrass Scholarship Recipients - Adam L. Ikamas (2-Yr.); Daniel L. Meersman (4-Yr.) Distinguished Service Award - Jim McGuire, recipient. Presentation at GAM meeting.

#### **EDITOR** (Dorner)

Roster - To be mailed by Feb. 1.

POG - Deadline for articles, Feb. 22.

Board members will be writing articles for the Summer, Mid-Summer & Fall Issues.

#### EDUCATION (King/Schweihofer)

Objective: Maximize value of monthly meetings by changing the format.

Board approved the implementation of Roundtable discussions at summer meetings in lieu of educational speakers. Host Supts will be asked to make a brief presentation of their course history, projects, etc. and be open to answering any questions the attendees may have about his/her course, procedures, etc.

Formal education will be provided and promoted thru Seminars, MTF and GCSAA Conferences and the GAM meeting promoting more in-depth, valuable eductional experiences.

#### MEMBERSHIP (McMullen)

Objective: Orientation/welcome new members into the organization

- 1. Pair new members with Board members for golf.
- 2. Have new members stand and introduce themselves at meetings.
- 3. President's New Member Invitational will be a great vehicle in developing camaraderie. (This year a Curling Outing is planned. The President and Board will be personally inviting newer Supts and asst members to participate. Date TBD.)

Total membership - 397: Applications - 6; Reinstatements - 1

#### MICHIGAN ROOM (Shreve/Fouty)

Plans complete. Rec'd approx. \$18,500 in sposorship pledges. Our honoree will be Clem Wolfrom.

#### SOCIAL (McMullen/Billette)

Objective: Spring (Couples). Summer(Family) and Winter (Couples) Socials

Spring - Possible Couples Golf outing. Summer - Possible Family Tiger Game.

Winter - Possible Couples Casino Dinner Show, 2nd City/Dinner or Mystery Train/Dinner.

#### GAM SEMINAR (Shreve/Billette)

Date: Saturday, March 23

Site: Detroit GC

#### **GOLF DAY (FORD/FOUTY)**

Date: Monday, Oct. 7

Sites: Bay Pte, Burning Tree, remainder TBD.

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## Board Meeting Highlights Indianwood Country Club Thursday, February 28, 2002

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present - Abbott, Billette, Ford, Fouty, King, McKinley, McMullen, Shreve, Schweihofer, Szyndlar

#### FINANCE (King)

Jan. Assn. svgs: \$50,392.31 Jan. Fdtn. svgs: \$3,574.07 Jan. Assn. chkg: \$4,203.14 Jan. Fdtn. chkg: \$125.97 2002 Proposed budget - \$130,600 approved.

#### MEMBERSHIP (McMullen)

Total membership - 404; Applications - 3; Honorary - 1; Reclassification - 1 BY LAW Change - Board proposing new member classifications to reflect GCSAA bylaws. Vote will be taken at June meeting.

#### GAM SEMINAR (Shreve/Billette)

Agenda and speakers finalized.

"Thank You" plaques will be awarded to the 2001 Golf Day Host Clubs.

### EDUCATION (King/Schweihofer)

November Seminar planned -

Date: November 5 Site: Doubletree

Topic: Annual Bluegrass Biology and Control

Speaker: Dr. Frank Rossi

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## SOCIAL (McMullen/Billette)

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## GCSAA LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE (Abbott)
Bob King will be attending
May 21-22 at GCSAA
Hdqtrs. Purpose: Introduce
GCSAA services and
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#### **TECH COMMITTEE**

(Schweihofer)
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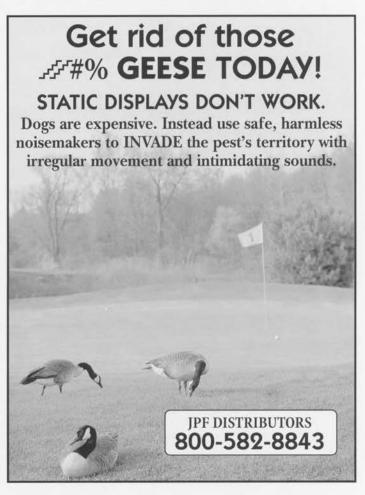
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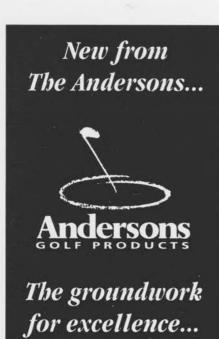
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Apr. 29	Joint Meeting wlOntario GCSA @ Detroit GC
May 17	Special Olympics (golf/fundraiser)
June	Annual Golf Championship @ TBD (golf)
July 12	Social: Family Outing - Tiger Baseball
July 25	The Invitational @ Links of Pinewood (golf/fundraiser)
Aug. 13	MSU Field Day (education)
Sept. 17	Wolfrom Classic Tournament @ Maple Lane GC (golf)
Oct. 7	The Big Event, sites TBD (golf/fundraiser)
Oct. 14	Annual Business Meeting, site TBD (golf & assn election)
Nov. 12	Regional GCSAA Seminar @ Novi (education .7 CEU)
Dec. TBD	Social: Holiday Party (Spouse outing)
Dec. 10	Superintendent Only Roundtable Discussion @ TBD

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

Apr. 1	Mini Conference @ Grayling Holiday Inn
May 21	MTF Fundraiser @ Arcadia Bluffs
Aug. 20	Meeting @ Otsego Club, The Tribute
Sept. 5	NMTMA Fundraiser @ Bay Mills Resort, Wild Bluff
Oct. TBD	Tuck Tate Chapter Championship @ Michaywe Hills, The Pines

## MID-MICHIGAN TURF ASSOCIATION

May 15	Meeting @ The Pines at Lake Isabella
June 10	Meeting @ Clio CC
July 15	Meeting @ Copper Ridge
Aug. 19	Meeting @ Port Huron Elks
Sept. TBD	Meeting @ Wolverine GC
Oct. 7	MTF Fundraiser @ Buck's Run
Oct. TBD	Annual Meeting @ Warwick Hills CC

## WESTERN MICHIGAN GCSA

Apr. 22	Meeting @ Pilgrim's Run
May 13	Meeting @ Gull Lake CC
June	Meeting @ Point 0 Woods CC
Sept. 17	Turf Fundraiser Day @ Golf Lake View
Oct. 7	Annual Meeting @ Kent CC
Oct. 22	GCSAA Seminar @ TBD

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