Stonebrooke Golf Club, a new creation by former Brayton Chemical Sales Rep Tom Haugen, is being well received by people in the Shakopee area. Stonebrooke features 13 water holes, including the 8th hole which requires a ferry to reach the green, lots of mature trees, and great playing conditions. Gary Watschke has been recently assigned as Toro Company's factory representative for this area. Gary has worked for Toro Co. for over 1 year now.

Deer Run Golf Course has recently opened its 18 holes of enjoyment in Victoria. The OMC-Cushman line has just been sold to Ransomes, Inc. Woodland Development has opened Woodland Creek, a 9 hole golf course in Andover. The Research Committee has recommended curtailment of funding for the joint MGCSA/University of Minnesota Poa Annua Project. Recent research has indicated that environmental conditions overwhelmingly affect poa/bentgrass competition. We as turf managers can fine tune the competitive edge as desired, but have little control over the major environmental factors. Investigating funding of pesticide runoff through a green underdrain collection system to determine if pesticides reach water resources. Collection system to be designed and partially funded by noted golf course architect, Michael Hurdzan. Don Herefort is resting comfortably at home after a heart attack and quadruple bypass heart surgery recently. Get well soon, Don! Congratulations to Doug Veillette, Little Falls Golf Club, on attaining CGCS status. Good work, Doug!

Did you know that the Minnesota chapter of the GCSAA ranks among the lowest in state/national membership ratio rankings? Less than 50% of our members are members of GCSAA. Consider becoming a member. The cost will be returned to you many times over.

Congrats to Rick Fredericksen and his team from Rolling Green, winners of the state John Deere championship. Good Luck at LaQuinta, Nov. 18 & 19.

Larry Vetter is beginning his own seed company. MGCSA Scholarship recipients, Michael Bohnenstingl and Nancy O'Connor send their thanks for our contribution to their college careers.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** - ANDY LINDQUIST

The following new members have been approved by the MGCSA Board of Directors:

- Dennis Fabian, Winona CC, BII
- Jack Krech, Watonwan CC, BII
- Warren Steinfeldt, Winona CC, BII
- Todd Plaisted, M & P Transport, F
- Gary Watschke, Toro Company, F

Contact the MGCSA Office for an application for any co-workers or colleagues that may wish to join the MGCSA. Remember that you must also apply for classification changes. Contact Andy Lindquist or the Office for a change of classification form.