Pete Mogren Leads Way
For MGCSA Championship

Pete Mogren fired a low 76 to take on all challengers at the annual MGCSA Championship held at a very fine Midland Hills Country Club. Host Golf Course Manager, Scott Austin, CGCS, had the grounds in superb shape...everything from the flower beds near the entrance to those extremely quick putting surfaces, (Ice, Ice, Baby, Ice!).

Minikahda Club's Doug Mahal captured the First Flight crown with a blistering 85 (net 71) to bring home the coveted trophy. Commenting about the golf course, Doug said "The greens were really to my liking," Rick Carr of Interlachen C.C. captured the Second Flight trophy.

With the Senior PGA making a stop at Coon Rapids next year, we might see Super Senior Larry Vetter making a bid to join after shooting a solid 74. Callaway Flight winner was Mike Brual of Hazeltine National Golf Club.

"Probably everyone who shoots a good score on any golf course would say 'the course is in great shape,'" said Vetter. "It seems that good scores by non-superintendent golfers are shot on courses that are 'in great shape.' However, as superintendents, we also all are familiar with the reverse. Bad scores are almost never the fault of the player, as far as they are concerned."

"Well, I've been on both sides of that situation. My score at Midland Hills was very good for me. Consequently, the course was in great shape!" Vetter said. "That's the comment from the 'casual golfer' me. There were a number of things that impressed the former superintendent' me, but the ones that stood out the most were the fairway definition and contour mowing on a number of holes, and the amount of grass that was on greens that were that fast. I know that this has not been a 'typical' summer in Minnesota, but it's very obvious that Scott is doing more than a few things right!" said Vetter.

A VERY CLASSY JAMES GARDNER of Rochester C.C. leans into his putt at the championship.

MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Championship Flight (Gross)
Pete Mogren ($70).......................... 76
Steve Busch ($50)........................ 79
Paul Diegnau ($20)........................ 79
Tom Meier ($15).......................... 80
Lief Erickson ............................ 80
Todd Klein ................................ 80

Super Seniors Flight (Gross)
Larry Vetter ($25).......................... 74
John Monson ($15)......................... 85

Callaway Flight
Mike Brual ($30)........................... 75
Dale Walsheck ($20)...................... 75
Kevin Rue ($15)........................... 75

First Flight (9-18 Hdp.)
Doug Mahal ($70)......................... 71
Cliff Reynolds ($50)...................... 72
Bill Larson ($30).......................... 72
John Hammerschmidt ($20)............ 73
Scott Weltzin ($15)...................... 74

Second Flight
Rick Carr ($20)........................... 76
Mike Daly ($15)........................... 80
Bill Liles ................................. 80