Vintage Photo of ‘Greenskeepers’
At 1958 MGCSA Conference
At the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis

First Row: Dr. Miki Haydek, University of Minnesota Entomologist; Jim Madden, Maddens Inc.; Dr. Jack Harper, Penn State Extension Service; Dr. Jim Watson, Toro Manufacturing; Dr. O.J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewage; Dr. Richard Stadtherer, University of Minnesota Horticulture; Jack Kolb, Minikahda Club; Bob Feser, Medina Country Club; Ray Hall, Greenhaven Golf; Herman Senneseth, Somerset Country Club; Carl Anderson, Woodhill Country Club; Emil Picha, Oak Ridge Country Club; Art Thorud, Hiawatha Golf Course; Iden Haugen, Town and Country Club, and ... Second Row: ... Dr. Leon Snyder, University of Minnesota Horticulture; Francis Reiter, Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls, S.D.; ... David Feser, Orono Golf Club; Donald Jackson, Dawson Country Club; Mervin Klatte, Elm Creek Golf Course; Leo Feser, Medina Country Club (now Baker Park); ... Allen Ista, Northfield Golf Club; Irv Fuller Sr., Mankato Golf Club; ... Art Yanke, Phelan Golf Club; ... Gust Hilmer, Fairmont Golf, and Frank Anderson, Golden Valley Country Club. Third Row: Lyle Cran, Stillwater Golf Club; Archie Beel, Mesaba Country Club, Hibbing; ... Roy Nelson, Revisloe Country Club, Chicago; ... Leonard Bloomquist, Brookview Country Club; Gordon Brinkworth, Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago; Carl Zahn, Marshall Golf Course; Clifford Vohs, St. Cloud Country Club; John Fuller, Midland Hills Country Club; Richard Hoff, Nemadji Golf, Superior, Wis.; Bill Johnson, Edina Country Club; ...? ...? ...? Dick Rishavy, Woodhill Country Club; Todd Johnston, Hiawatha Golf Course, and Charlie Suter, Highland Golf. Back Row: Jim Holmes, “Nematode Holmes,” USGA; ...? Alden “Rusty” Smith, Minnetonka Country Club; Kurt Erdmann, Rochester Country Club; Donald Brown, Rochester Park Department; Maynard Erickson, Theodore Wirth Golf Course; Mike Weinhandl, Como Golf Course; Jim Graham, Minnesota Milorganite Co., and Cliff Anderson, Dakota Turf Supply Company, Sioux Falls, S.D.

(Ed. Note: This vintage MGCSA photo was submitted by Life Member Ray Hall and printed in the November 1998 issue of Hole Notes. We did not have names for the faces in that issue, but because of the diligent effort from Jack Kolb, Gordon Miller and Al Gerdin, we now have names for most of them. “This 1958 shot was taken at the old Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis where the MGCSA used to hold its fall and winter conference. We were called greenskeepers then,” said Ray. 1958 was the same year Ray, on a bet, won $50 for growing grass on a tennis ball in 36 hours. “I was then called the grassman by the editor of the Anoka Herald paper,” he said.)