This month I was honored to be invited to play in the Minnesota Section of the PGA's Hall of Fame Classic Tournament. The Minnesota PGA inducted Dr. James Watson, Bill Kidd and Gene Hansen.

Jim Nicol, CGCS, gave a great introduction of Dr. Watson while listing his many accomplishments over the last 30 years. Including his career as head agronomist for The Toro Company. By Dr. Watson being inducted into the Hall of Fame, he helps give credibility to the science of the turfgrass industry and the importance of every golf course superintendent in the management of turf. Thank you Dr. Watson for your contributions to the turf industry.

I also would like to thank the Minnesota PGA for inviting me to be a part of its ceremony and the great honor given to Dr. Watson.

** John Queensland and his committee did a fine job in organizing the scholarship recipients for 1999. There were two MGCSA Legacy Scholarships and one Garske scholarship awarded. The Turf Scholarships will be given out in the near future. John did his usual best in preparing the Scholarship Scramble tournament, which was a success by bringing in about $5,000 in revenue.

** We would also like to thank Steve Schumacher and the people at Izaty's for hosting the yearly event.

** Our next month's meeting will be at Heritage Links Golf Club in Lakeville. Be sure to get some practice rounds in before this meeting because this is the Superintendents' Championship. Hope to see you there!

— Thomas Fischer, CGCS
MGCSA President

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