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Mini-Seminar at Minnesota Valley
Fun, Interesting and Worthwhile

It’s always fun when MGCSA members get together and the March Mini-Seminar was no different. On Wednesday, March 6, the MGCSA held its annual Mini-Seminar at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Once again, the MGCSA Education Committee, chaired by James Bade of Somerset Country Club, provided a well-planned educational seminar that was both interesting and informative.

Minnesota Valley host superintendent Michael Brower provided a terrific setting for the 97 MGCSA members who attended the 2002 March Mini-Seminar.

In the morning, Scott Austin, CGCS, Midland Hills Country Club spoke of the advantages of restoration as opposed to renovation of bunkers.

Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, North Oaks Golf Club, presented his thoughts and methods of aerification which led to an interesting round table discussion.

The University of Minnesota’s Dr. Jon Powell and Dr. Brian Horgan were present. Dr. Horgan enlightened members of the "Denitrification of Nitrogen" and Dr. Powell offered a review and forecast of Disease Management.

After lunch, John Granholt and Dr. Chris Williamson updated the audience about Japanese Beetles and then Marlin Murphy told the group of his past experiences dealing with Japanese Beetles at Stillwater Country Club.

Superintendent Scott Wersal will host the first MGCSA’s Mixer of the year on Monday, May 13 at The Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan, Minn.

Have a great season!

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