



Musing the Minutes

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The latest MGCSA Board Meeting took place on November 7 at Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata.

The Treasurer's Report anticipates that expenses and income for November and December should show a small profit. A preliminary budget for 2006 is being prepared.

The MGCSA received a thank you note from the University of Minnesota for donating towards U of M research. Dr. David MacDonald, U of M, had good sampling of soil samples in his research. The goal is to find if nematodes are an issue or not.

Rob Panuska reported that the Past Presidents' luncheon is set for 11:00 a.m. on January 5. The MGCSA Annual Business Meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Panuska also thanked the Board for letting him serve as President in 2004 and 2005.

The MGCSA calendar for the upcoming year is almost set. The only vacancy in the 2006 meeting schedule (see Meeting Schedule on Page 3) is the annual BASF event.

The 2007 slate is taking shape, too. Greystone Golf Club will be the site of the MGCSA Scholarship Scramble. Hillcrest Golf Club of St. Paul is set for the 2007 MGCSA Championship and The Jewel Golf Club will be the site of the 2007 Harold Stodola Research Scramble.

Service awards will be presented at the Appreciation and Recognition Banquet on December 7.

2005 was a successful year for sponsorship dollars. The breakdown is as follows: Research \$7,150, Scholarship \$2,600, Spring and Fall meetings \$3,500 and the Banquet \$4,400. These funds will be distributed to their respective accounts.

104 people have sent their phosphorus re-training coupon back. Approximately 350 took the initial phosphorus training.

The Board increased the minimum salary requirements for a job to be posted through the MGCSA. The new minimums are as follows: 9-hole course at \$30,000; 18-hole course at \$40,000, and a 27-hole course at \$50,000. 1) Bade 2) Fredericksen. Motion passes.

James Bade reported that GCSAA will hold seminars on January 24-25 at the St. Louis Park Doubletree Hotel.

"Golf Course Safety, Security and Risk Management" will be discussed on January 24, and "Solving Your Drainage Problems" will be the topic for January 25.

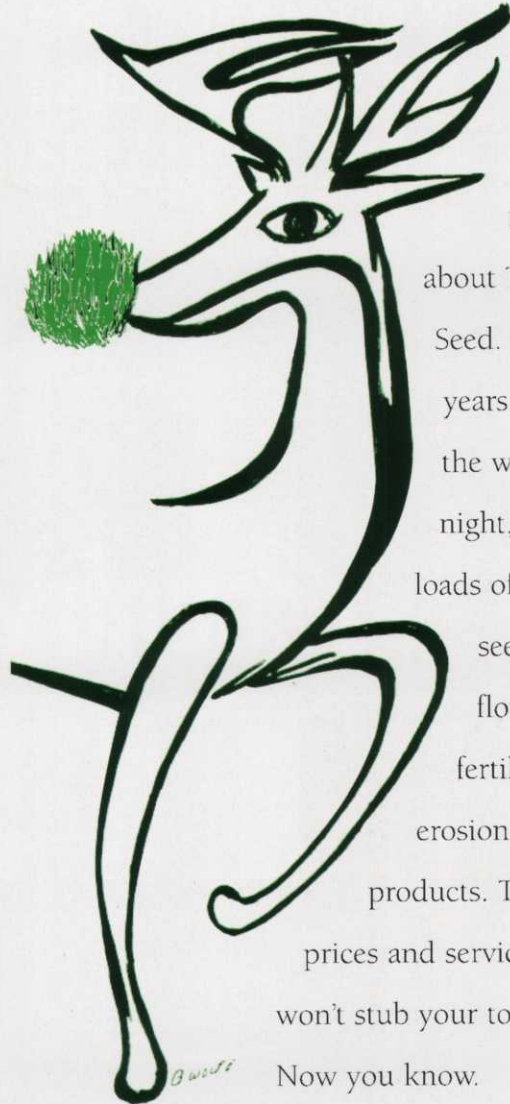
Frank Rossi, Ph.D., Cornell University, will be a guest speaker at the March 7 MGCSA Mini-Seminar.

The MTGF set aside some money for an Architect for the Head House at the University at its last board meeting.

Kevin Clunis, CGCS, handed out a summary of the delegates meeting which took place in Kansas City in September. Clunis presented highlights and said there is a very good slate of candidates this year.

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