



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Awards and Recognition Banquet Set December 7 at The Wilds GC

By Robert Panuska

My hope for everyone is that as you read this column your courses are beginning the process of preparing for winter. Aerifying is completed for the most part, snow-mold control is on hand and ready to apply, the late fall fertilization is awaiting application and the mowing schedule has been replaced by leaf removal. For me fall is a great time of the year to enjoy the course that has at times during the heat of summer caused me much grief and frustration. I try to think about things I would do differently and how I might make changes or what I will keep the same. We all seem to be in the mode of "doing more with less" which, as you all know requires careful evaluation and discussion before decisions are made. Good luck to you as you plan for next season and remember to "kick back" and take some time away.

By now you have received an e-mail or letter asking for your help in supporting the horticultural plant pathology position at the University of Minnesota. If you have not already done so, I want to encourage you to write a personal letter of support to the dean of the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Sciences Dr. Charles Muscoplat. If you have written, I want to thank you for your support of this position.

The MGCSA Board of Directors is very excited about the University's offer of the former head-house for the greenhouses on the St Paul campus for use by the TROE Center. The MTGF has approved \$25,000 for architectural drawings for the remodeling and the University has hired an architect. The project details will be unveiled at the Green Expo in January. The MGCSA board has started the process of establishing a fundraising committee to begin the ground work of moving forward with a campaign to raise the funds for the remodeling project. Watch for more info in *Hole Notes* and at the Green Expo.

Please mark December 7th on your calendar. This is the night of the MGCSA Awards and Recognition Banquet. Details are still in the process of being finalized but the location is going to be the Wilds Golf Club in Prior Lake. Please plan to spend the evening with your wife or significant other for an enjoyable night out. Watch your mail for a personal invitation. The cost of the evening is being under-written by the event sponsorships at our meetings throughout the summer. This will help reduce the cost to attend significantly. I want to thank all of the vendors who have supported the MGCSA through this program. You have seen their names on meeting notices, tees, carts and meals, please take the time to thank them for their continued support.

*— Until next month
Rob*

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