third-place teams received a glass trophy. Individual prizes for first-through-tenth place are based on team scores and consist of cash prizes for professional golfers and gift certificates for amateur players.

Individual prizes are as follows:

**Professional**

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John Deere contributed $20 to the GCSAA S & R (Scholarship & Research, Inc.) for each of the teams competing at the local tournaments. With 855 teams competing internationally, this year's John Deere contribution was $17,100.00.

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TEE TALK
By Scott Turtinen
Executive Director, MGCSA

(Ed. Note: This month we introduce TEE TALK, a new column written by our executive director, Scott Turtinen. Its principal purpose is to provide useful information gathered at our MGCSA office and keep you informed about a variety of behind-the-scenes activity.)

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NEED A ROOMMATE AT DALLAS? Our office already has received one inquiry from a superintendent who would like to share a room at the GCSAA’s annual conference and show in Dallas. Chances are there are more of you who might like to do the same. Please call, and we’ll serve as a clearing house and do our best to get interested persons together.

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SPRINGING OF DALLAS, don’t forget to mark Friday, February 4, 1994 on your calendar. That’s when MGCSA associates will host what always is a great Minnesota party at the national show. More information may be found on Page 12.

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UPDATING OUR ROSTER—This is the time of year we update the MGCSA’s Membership Roster. Forms requesting updated information have been mailed to all members. They ask for current classification, business and home addresses and telephone numbers, fax machine number, spouse’s name, whether you are a GCSAA member and if you are a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS). When you respond, please type or print your information clearly since we want to make the roster as accurate as we possibly can.

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CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS COMING—From most comments we’ve heard, the 1993 MGCSA Conference, Business Meeting and Trade Show was received very well. The surveys taken at the show are being processed and the results will be published in the next issue of Hole Notes.

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A TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO HOWARD KAERWER — As noted on Page 6 of this issue, the MGCSA lost a great friend when Howard E. Kaerwer died a week before he was to receive our association’s Distinguished Service Award. Larry Vetter, a close friend, accepted Mr. Kaerwer’s award in behalf of the family and gave a very touching tribute, part of which is contained in the Page 6 remembrance. Vetter’s written comments also were displayed at Mr. Kaerwer’s memorial service. Barbara Kaerwer, his widow, told our office how much she appreciated what the MGCSA had done and extends her thanks to all. She reiterated that her late husband was so appreciative of receiving the award before he died.

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MIA-PACS, OGA-SAAR OR MGCSA-27—These are various approaches to remembering the MGCSA’s “800” number, but perhaps it’s just as easy to remember 1-800-642-7227, with the first part going down in a neat descending order and the second part sounding like an airplane with an extra “2.” Whatever, call us at that number or 473-0557 in the metro area if you have a question, need something or want to share some information.

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HOPES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY go out to Wedgewood Valley’s Jerry Webb, who injured his shoulder while playing hockey.

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HONORARY MEMBERS — The MGCSA welcomes Reed Mackenzie of Mackenzie & Hallberg; Dick Bennett, Minnesota Golf Course Services, and the MGA’s Ross Galarneault as Honorary members of the association.

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EDITOR’S CORNER
By Dale Wysocki
Faribault Golf & Country Club

It seems to me that I’ve done this job before. Am I dreaming? Quick, someone slap me or shoot a hockey puck at me. No, I’m not dreaming! Actually MGCSA President Joe Moris was harassed, maligned, beleaguered and just verbally abused into letting me volunteer for being editor! I didn’t even have to resort to physical threats. I am happy to represent the MGCSA as a Board member and as the Editor. I will try to get the information out to you, the membership. For anyone who has a story to offer such as re-building putting greens, bunkers or any other timely subject, please submit to the MGCSA Office.

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This whole Calo-Clor scenario has me baffled. I am using alternative plant protectants to substitute Calo-Clor and I am proud to say that for the winter of 1994-1995 I will not use any type of mercurial fungicide. What I can’t figure out is how did the Minnesota State Attorney General’s office get involved? The Association did the correct thing by getting the information out to the membership. What you do to manage your fine turf is up to you; however, do try some alternative plant protectants for winter patch diseases. There is good information out there. As we receive new information about winter patch disease, we will print it in Hole Notes.

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The move down to the Minneapolis Convention Center was a good move, from the information that I’ve gathered in conversations with close personal friends. They review the move as “two thumbs up”. I have already heard that the Conference and Education Committee is starting to gear up for next year’s Annual Conference. The response from the membership has been extremely positive. Of the topics covered, the one geared towards professional relationships seemed to have many positive points that we can all use in our day-to-day relationships.

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1993 was a unique if not totally strange bizarre year to manage turf. All Golf Course Managers had to be extremely creative in how they dealt with the excess water that was received, and still provide their employer with a playable track that looked like nothing was out of the ordinary. Now with the holiday season upon us, it’s time to remember to make time for all members of our families. Families are an important element in our source of strengths that we call on when times get tough.

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1994 looks like an extremely good year for the MGCSA and the membership. It looks like we have a very active arrangements Co-Chairman in Cary Femrite. He has a very attractive slate of events for 1994. Starting off is Woodhill Country Club on January 10th, bring your ice fishing gear. There could be an ice fishing contest for those who dare hunting the giant walleye or there will be a competition in the form of ice hockey and platform tennis. The rest of the schedule has yet to be filled out, but look for the Joseph Garske Scholarship scramble to be held at Southern Minnesota’s finest track, Rochester Golf and Country Club, and the Harold Stodola Research Scramble to be played at Hazeltine National Golf Club and a site to be announced later. Remember the USGA will be holding its Mid-Amateur Championship at Hazeltine and Wayzata C.C. later on that week.

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Congratulations are in order to Mark Poppitz and his lovely bride Betty, on the birth of their first child, Ryan Joseph, born on November 15 at 11:52 a.m.

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Paul Diegnau of River Falls Golf Club has just achieved the highly sought after certification by the GCSAA.

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Happy Holidays to all members of the MGCSA.

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Christmas Wishes

It is during the Christmas season that we find ourselves looking at those around us and recalling the special moments that we have shared. In this light, I would like to offer these Christmas wishes for you:

May you gain the confidence and wisdom needed to make difficult decisions in your life. May you have the courage to stand by these decisions in the face of controversy. As no one makes all the right choices, may you know when to change your mind, and have the understanding to accept the choices that others make.

May others treat you with respect and sincerity so that you maintain your faith in humankind, always seeking and finding the best in people.

May your relationships be based on love, genuine and pure, and the love you receive be proportionate to the love you extend to others.

In every life there are unpleasantries — pain, anguish, and hurt. May you have the power to weather these conditions, and to use them as a tool to enhance the joys and triumphs that you surely will experience.

May you stay true to your values, upholding the moral and ethical standards that you have set for yourself, both personally and professionally.

Above all, may you be true to yourself, examining issues with your heart, mind, and soul, to gain the insight needed to find real happiness.

In short, my friend, I wish you the very best that this life has to offer — in the coming year, and forever.

— F.N. Taylor III