May The Inspiration of the Holiday Season bring forth a full measure of happiness for you and yours.
FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

As Our Industry Changes
We Must Change, Too

I want to thank the MGCSA membership for putting their faith in me by electing me President of this great association.

Believe me when I tell you there are more positives than negatives in our industry today. In terms of the environment and local commerce, it is the job of each and everyone of us to let the general public know what we actually contribute. The GCSAA is available to you with lots of valuable information relating to these issues. Use this invaluable resource to aid you in any area where you may need assistance.

While our industry is ever changing, we must also change. I am going to propose to our Board of Directors some new ideas. The first will be to have only three golf outings in 1999: Our Championship, Scholarship Scramble and the Harold Stodola Research Scramble. The rest of our regular monthly meetings will be education-oriented, held in the late afternoon and not necessarily on a Monday.

My thinking in this matter is as follows: Mondays in the past were generally a day off when the course was closed. Now many courses utilize Monday for outside events to generate much needed revenues. The mornings are generally set aside for us to complete tasks that cannot be done around golfers. I have been told by some of our affiliate members that they do not need to take a day off to play golf with their competitors, and, after all, we can all benefit from more education. So a typical monthly meeting may look like this: 4:00 p.m. Registration (before rush hour), 4:30-5:30 Speaker, 5:30-6:00 Social, 6:00-7:00 Dinner and Social.

Another area we need to focus on is generating more revenue. I'm not in favor of us losing money every year or raising dues. We cannot be going into our savings for general operation dollars. I will be proposing to our Board of Directors that we direct all income from mini-seminars and monthly meetings into the general fund instead of scholarship.

Our Scholarship Fund is healthy especially with additional dollars from the Trans-Mississippi coming in. If the Scholarship Fund is getting low and the Scholarship Scramble and interest income is not sustaining, then we will readjust. It is doubtful that we will need to. I look forward to your thoughts and comments.

* * *

The MGCSA would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board, James Gardner CGCS (Ex-Officio), Tom Johnson (Treasurer), and Directors Jeff Backstrom, Leif Erickson and Dave Sime, for their contributions. We welcome our new Directors Mike Brower, Paul Eckholm CGCS, Jim Johnson CGCS, and Mike Klatte CGCS. We look forward to their fresh ideas and contributions.

—Jim Nicol, CGCS
MGCSA President
Inside This Issue of Hole Notes

1 Jim Nicol, CGCS Elected MGCSA President
By Scott Turtinen

7 Trans-Mississippi GA Contributes $2,500
By Ralph Turtinen

9 1,444 Attend MTGF’s 4th Conference/Show
By Scott Turtinen

11 Do You Have An Incidence Response Plan? By Bob Distel

16 North Star Turf, Turf Supply Join Forces

18 Don’t Miss “Tee Time” For Your Underground Tank
By Bill Keegan and Dave Brown

19 Job Openings

20 GCSAA Water Study Reflects Positively on Golf Courses

21 TGIF Now on World Wide Web – Michigan State University

22 Frostbite: The Big Chill – Waseca Area Medical Center

Departments

3 From Your President’s Desk By Jim Nicol, CGCS

13 Membership Report
By Steve Shumansky

24 Classified Ads

26 Editor’s Corner
By Rob Panuska

Advertisers

Century Rain Aid .................................................. 23
Cushman Motor Co ............................................... 14
Double Eagle Golf Construction ......................... 26
Duininck Bros., Inc ............................................. Back Cover
Glenn Rehbein Companies .................................. 12
Hartman ............................................................... 4
Hedberg .............................................................. 23
IMC Vigoro .......................................................... 19
Leitner Company .................................................. 8
MTI Distributing Co .............................................. Inside Front Cover
MTI Distributing Co .............................................. Inside Back Cover
North Star Turf Supply ......................................... 1
North Star Turf Supply ......................................... 7
North Star Turf Supply ......................................... 9
North Star Turf Supply ......................................... 11
Par Aide Products Co ........................................... 12
Paskvan Consulting .............................................. 13
P&H Warehouse .................................................... 6
Plaisted Companies .............................................. 25
Polfus Implement ................................................... 10
Precision Turf & Chemical, Inc .............................. 17
Prinaco ................................................................. 16
Rohling Green Corp ............................................. 19
Secor ................................................................. 18
Twin City Seed ...................................................... 23
Williams & Gill ...................................................... 16

1998 MGCSA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Arrangements ................................. Mike Klatte, CGCS
Bylaws/Historical ............................... John Queensland
Conference & Education ................. Mike Brower
Editorial ................................................. Steve Shumansky
Environmental .................................. Bob Distel
Human Resources .............................. Paul Eckholm, CGCS
Industrial Relations .......................... Steve Young & Jeff Churchill
Investments .......................................... Rob Panuska
Membership ........................................ Jim Johnson, CGCS
MTGF ......................................................... Pat Walton, CGCS & Mike Brower
Nominating .......................................... Fred Taylor
Public Relations ................................. Paul Eckholm, CGCS
Research ............................................... Tom Fischer, CGCS
Scholarship .............................................. John Queensland

HARTMAN
**Sports Turf Specialists**

- High Tech Drainage Techniques & Design
- Renovation
- Landscaping
- Excavating & Grading

Jeffrey L. Hartman
President

8011 Bavaria Rd., Victoria, MN 55386 • 612-443-2958 • Fax: (612) 443-3452
Jim Nicol Heads New MGCSA Board of Directors—
(Continued from Front Cover)

er 11. They were:
Gerald Commers, Cushman Motor Co., Minneapolis and Ron Fabian, Winona Country Club, 45 years;  
James Lindblad, Desert Island Country Club, Rancho Mirage, Calif., and Glenn Rasmussen, MTI Distributing Co., Plymouth, 35 years;  
Ron Bloom, Fairways, Inc., Miltoma, 30 years;  
Johnny Helget, New Ulm Country Club; Donovan Lindblad, Greenscape, Ltd., Palo Alto, Calif.; Cliff Reynolds, Zumbrota Golf Course;  
Ron Steffenhagen, Orono Golf Course; Steve Young, Plaisted Companies, Elk River, and Dennis Hendrickson, Cushman Motor Co., Minneapolis, 25 years.
Bill Johnson, Honkers Away, Plymouth, was presented the association's Distinguished Service Award.  
Receiving the Watson Award was Greg Hubbard, Manitou Ridge Golf Course, White Bear Lake, for his journalistic efforts for Hole Notes.
Scholarship honorees were Jeffrey Bushlack, University of Minnesota;  
Arik Hemquist, Anoka-Hennepin Vocational School; Jeffrey Ische, Penn State University, and Chad Wilson, Iowa State University.

The next MGCSA meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, at Woodhill Country Club in Orono.
At the Awards Luncheon, Tom Garrett, Mendota Heights, and Hank Wilkinson, St. Louis Park, two Minnesota directors of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, presented a $2,500 check from the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund for scholarships for the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

(See story on Page 7.)

THE MGCSA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THE 1998 MINNESOTA GOLF SHOW

☐ Yes, I will be able to work a 2-hour shift at the MGCSA booth at the Great Minnesota Golf Show on:
☐ Thursday, January 19 (move-in day) ........................................... Time to be announced.
☐ Friday, January 20 ........................................... □ 1–3 p.m. □ 3–5 p.m. □ 5–7 p.m. □ 7–9 p.m.
☐ Saturday, January 21 . □ 9–11 a.m. □ 11–1 p.m. □ 1–3 p.m. □ 3–5 p.m. □ 5–7 p.m. □ 7–9 p.m.
☐ Sunday, January 22 ........................................... □ 10–12 p.m. □ 12–2 p.m. □ 2–4 p.m. □ 4–6 p.m.

Name: ________________________________ Course: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
Telephone: __________________ Fax: __________________

PLEASE RETURN TO:  
MGCSA — E. Paul Eckholm  
P.O. Box 617  
Wayzata, MN 55391

THANKS FOR HELPING PROMOTE THE MGCSA!
RainBird has been irrigating golf courses throughout the country for over six decades. The decade of the nineties will bring even more successes simply because our overall commitment to quality products for EVERY application in golf, as well as legendary service to the superintendent.

Please review, if you will, the following list of products. Whatever a superintendent’s needs, we have the application.

- Computerized water management systems, central control systems & stand alone satellites.
- Electric AND hydraulic control options for all systems.
- 12-, 16-, 24-station satellites/32-, 40-, and 48 station satellites.
- The industry’s only “satellite-less” computer control systems.
- Valve-in-head (electric and hydraulic), or block systems.
- Automatic (adjustable) pressure-regulated sprinkler heads.
- Gear drive AND impact drive rotors.
- Plastic AND brass valves.
- 50 - 150 PSI systems.
- Adjustable arc part-circle models on all rotor series.
- Stainless steel pedestals for all satellites (composite standard).
- Weather stations, sensors and monitors.
- Remote control devices (Radio, Computer, Phone, etc.)
- Pump Station equipment and VFD Control Panels.
- Allied Products (pipe, fittings, wire, valve boxes, etc.)

If you are interested in, or have any questions about this information, or anything regarding RainBird Golf, please give us a call at (800) 422-1487.

Thank you very much for your support over the years.

Cordially,

P & H WAREHOUSE SALES, INC.

If you need a contact in your area, please call:

**PLYMOUTH**
9835 10th Ave. N.
Plymouth, MN 55441
612-542-1188
FAX 612-346-7315

**EAGAN**
1971 Seneca Road
Eagan, MN 55122
612-687-0282
FAX 612-687-0382

**ST.CLOUD**
415 Sundial Drive
Waite Park, MN 56387
320-259-6448
FAX 320-259-0165

**SIOUX FALLS**
2303 W. 50th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
605-337-9577
FAX 605-337-9960
Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Contributes $2,500 For Scholarships To MGCSA

Developing funds through a variety of projects, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association via its Turf Scholarship Fund presented a $2,500 check to be used for scholarships by the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association at the annual Awards Luncheon on December 11 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Presenting the grant to Jim Nicol, CGCS, president of the MGCSA, and John Queensland, scholarship committee chairman, were Tom Garrett, Mendota Heights, and Hank Wilkinson, St. Louis Park, both Trans-Miss directors. Garrett is a member of Somerset Country Club and Wilkinson of The Minikahda Club, where two fundraisers were held during the past year.

At Minikahda Golf Club in Minneapolis, the first annual Charlie Erickson Memorial Scramble raised $350 on September 19. Named in the memory of Minikahda’s first golf course superintendent, the four-person scramble, much like a similar event held at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. on Memorial Day, matched Minikahda members with grounds staff employees.

“Fourteen members and 18 staffers competed,” said Wilkinson. “This event was an excellent opportunity for the staff and several members to meet each other, raise funds for a good cause and enjoy an afternoon of golfing. We already are looking forward to next year’s event with hopes of having an even greater turnout and raising more money.”

The late Mr. Erickson was Minikahda’s superintendent from 1900-1942. He was an active member of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association and was known as an innovator and leader in the industry.

Twenty-five dollars was donated by each member for the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund/Minnesota Project which will grant scholarships to young men and women pursuing careers in the turf industry.

Following the tradition established last year, all entrants were treated to a “Scottish-style” luncheon which featured pork, walleyed pike, mashed potatoes with rutabagas (known as Clapshot in Scotland), herring, smoked salmon and creme brûlée.

About two months before the competition, invitations are circulated to a variety of Twin Cities area golfers age 40 or more. Somerset contributes the use of its course.

The Minnesota Project involves Minnesota directors of the Trans working with the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association to raise scholarship funds.

Earlier in the year a special member-grounds crew event was held at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska. Fourteen members of Course Superintendent Jim Nicoll’s staff played with a like number of Hazeltine members on Memorial Day in a special scramble. Arranged by Tim Andersen and Mark Polich, the event raised $675.

Founded in 1900, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is one of the oldest golf organizations in the United States and one of the first golf organizations to recognize the necessity to educate qualified young men and women in golf course management and turf research, the Trans has sponsored its Turf Scholarship Program since 1962.

Dynamic results come from dynamic duos.

North Star Turf Supply

St. Paul, MN 55117
612-484-8411
800-592-9513

Eagan, MN 55121
612-454-3106
800-551-4857
TAKE TIME TO SEE

It seems so hard to understand
As I look out across the land
That all I view belongs to me
I ought to take more time to see!

The distant hills and mountains high,
The rolling clouds and bright blue sky,
No one can take these views from me
As long as I have eyes to see.

A timid deer with haunting look
Who stands refreshed by yonder brook
Knows not that he belongs to me,
Oh, what a thrilling sight to see!

The song of birds so gay and clear
That fill the morning air with cheer,
And fragrant flowers of every hue,
That stand erect bedecked with dew,
All these and more belong to me,
If I but use my eyes to see.

The Leitner Company wishes you a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
1,444 Attend MTGF’s Fourth Conference

The Minnesota Turf and Grounds Conference welcomed 1,444 attendees to its fourth annual gathering December 10-12 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

During its third year in the dome at the Convention Center, the Trade Show set a record of 275 booths.

Following is a breakdown of the 1,313 members who attended the conference from the nine associations which make up conference:

- Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association (MGCSA), 586;
- Minnesota Parks Supervisors Association (MPSA), 159;
- Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA), 148;
- Minnesota Association of School Maintenance Supervisors (MASMS), 78;
- Minnesota Society of Arboriculture (MSA), 73;
- Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association (MSTMA), 42;
- Minnesota Turf Association (MTA), 21;
- Minnesota Association of Cemeteries (MAC), 6.
- Northern Minnesota Forage and Turf Seed Advisory Committee (NMFTSAC), 0.

There were 331 vendors working the exhibit booths for a grand total of 1,444.

Soil Scientists In Minnesota Must Be Licensed

Soil scientists practicing in Minnesota must now be licensed by the state. Applications for license made before August 5, 1998 will be grandfathered and no examination will be required if the applicant meets certain education and work experience requirements. For an application packet describing licensing procedures, call 612/296-2388.

Winning Combinations

Roy Rogers & Dale Evans
Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers
Rogers & Hammerstein
Roger Maris & Mickey Mantle
North Star Turf & Turf Supply Company

Proof that your name doesn’t have to be Roger to be part of a winning combination.

North Star Turf Supply

St. Paul, MN 55117
612-484-8411
800-592-9513

Eagan, MN 55121
612-454-9106
800-551-4857
Polfus Implement wishes you a
Special Holiday Season &
A Prosperous New Year

Thank You for your support in the past and we look forward to working together in the future.

Polfus Golf & Turf
12040 Point Douglas Drive S.
Hastings, MN 55033

Call for a Demonstration
Phone: (612) 473-7747 or Fax: (612) 437-3483

John Deere Turf Products Distributor
Sales, Parts & Service

Happy Holidays