Jim Nicol, CGCS, head golf course superintendent at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, is the new president of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association. Nicol, who was vice-president last year and previously served as treasurer, was elected at the association's 70th business meeting held on December 10 during the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Other officers elected were: Thomas Fischer, CGCS, Edin-burgh USA, Brooklyn Park, vice-president; Rob Panuska, Waseca Lakeside Club, Waseca, treasurer. Pat Walton, CGCS, Rolling Green Country Club, Hamel, remains as secretary and Fred Taylor, Mankato Golf Club, Mankato, the outgoing president, remains on the Board as an ex-officio member. New directors elected were: Michael Brower, Hillcrest Country Club, St. Paul; E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS, Heritage Links Golf Club, Lakeville; James Johnson, CGCS, Rich Spring Golf Club, Cold Spring; Michael Klatte, CGCS, Elm Creek Golf Links of Plymouth, Jeff Churchill, North Star Turf Supply, St. Paul.

Outgoing President Fred Taylor, right, hands over the gavel to new MGCSA President Jim Nicol, CGCS at the 70th Annual Meeting.

Directors completing their terms were: Jeff Backstrom, Cannon Golf Club, Cannon Falls; Leif Erickson, Scotts Company, Austin; Tom Johnson, New Richmond Golf Club, New Richmond, Wis.; James Gardner, CGCS, The Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake; Dave Sime, Benson Golf Club, Benson.

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Eleven members also were honored with service plaques at the MGCSA's annual Awards Luncheon on Decem-

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