

THE GCSAA PESTICIDE SEMINAR  
AND  
THE MINNESOTA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION 47TH ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE  
AND BUSINESS MEETING  
NORMANDY MOTOR INN, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, DECEMBER 3-4-5-6

The Pesticide Seminar opened Tuesday morning, December 3rd and closed Wednesday afternoon, December 4th. The purpose of the Seminar was to help Golf Course Superintendents prepare for certification examinations for State License for Pesticide Applicators.

In addition to representatives of the GCSAA and the University of Minnesota, there were also representatives of the State Department which issues the Applicator license. The speakers representing the State included Dr. Rollin M. Dennistoun of the Department of Agriculture and with the others gave some very interesting, informative and educational information. The theme of the seminar was "Principles of Chemical Usage."



*Dr. Rollin M. Dennistoun*

two years by again taking the tests. Attending the two day work shop for renewal will not be required.

At the conclusion of the Seminar the GCSAA gave a test to those wishing to take it and the purpose was to let the applicants know how well they were qualified and ready for the State test. If an applicant passed this test with an 80% or better grade he will receive a certificate of merit from the GCSAA.

We were a little disappointed in the number attending the seminar. Only 34 registered. In talking with those that did attend we got the impression that they were very well satisfied and glad they had the opportunity to receive the many educational and informative benefits they got. They felt that it will serve as a distinct advantage when they attend the State workshop and take the State test for a pesticide applicator.

The MGCSA extends their thanks to all who participated in the seminar.

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The GCSAA has either presented or planned a total of nine offerings of its comprehensive seminar. The schedule includes Champaign, Ill., East Lansing, Mich., Columbus, Ohio, Jacksonville, Fla., Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Minneapolis, Minn., Anaheim, Cal. and New Orleans. It was hoped that the Department in the State of Minnesota, responsible for issuing the license for pesticide applicators would permit any Superintendent attending the GCSAA seminar, to take the test for a license, however, this did not work out and any person wishing to be a licensed pesticide applicator must attend a two day work shop sponsored by the State of Minnesota and pass two of their tests to be eligible for a license. The first license is for two years and can be renewed at the expiration of the



*Taking GCSAA Test*

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The MGCSA opened their part of the 4-day program with a Business Meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Normandy Motor Inn. President Larry Vetter presided.

The principal business conducted was the election of Officers and Board Members for 1975. Jerry Murphy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee gave the committee's recommendations and there were then nominations from the floor. The following members were elected to offices and to the board for 1975:

President	-Richard Rannells	Elected to the Board
Vice-President	- Dean Sime	George Jennrich
Secretary-Treasurer	- Keith Scott	Clem McCann

R. W. Olson of Granite Falls and Kevin Benson of Edenvale were accepted as Class B members. The application for membership of John Kuusinen of the Mesaba Club was read, the applicant introduced and the application will be voted on at the next meeting.

The Conference Program started Thursday morning, Dave Fedie, Session Chairman. Larry Vetter, President, gave the Welcome Address.

The Thursday morning program included talks by Lee Record, Director Mid-Continent Region U.S.G.A. Green Section on "Where Do We Go From Here," by Dr. Tom Watschke, Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science, Penn. State University, on "Postemergence Poa annua Control," by Charles Baskin, President GCSAA on "GCSAA and You" and by Dr. Ward Steinstra, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist Turf Pathology, University of Minnesota on "Minn. Snow Mold Complex and It's control."

The Thursday Afternoon Session got started at 1:30 p.m. with Dave Zimmer Session Chairman. The afternoon speakers on the subject of "Thinking Superintendent" were Charles Baskin, President GCSAA, Russ Adams, Superintendent, University of Minnesota Golf Club, and Paul Voykin, Superintendent, Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Illinois. This part of the program was followed by the "Bull Session," always a very interesting part of the MGCSA Conference. In the evening the Annual Stag was held at the Normandy Motor Inn. It was well attended and enjoyed.

The Friday morning Session opened at 9:00 a.m. with Dick De Splinter as Session Chairman. Dr. Ward Steinstra spoke on "Summer Disease Problems;" Dr. Tom Watschke on "Growth Regulators for Turfgrasses;" Dr. Paul Guehler of the 3M Company talked on "Pond Management." Mr. Guehler replaced Mr. Harry Toussaint of the same company, who was unable to attend. Mr. Charles F. Glaman, Vice-President First Nat'l Bank of Minneapolis spoke on "Pensions and Tax Free Income."

The Friday afternoon Session was presided over by Leo Hanson, Session Chairman. Mr. Paul Voykin talked on "Over Grooming of Golf Courses," Mr. Warren Rebholz, Executive Director of the Minnesota Golf Association's subject was "MGA Measuring and Course Rating Program - What it Means to you," and Dr. Donald White, Department of Horticulture, University of Minnesota, spoke on the subject of "New Look at Some Old Problems." The afternoon program was concluded with a talk by Lee Record on "Can You Top This."

This was the greatest Conference ever sponsored by the MGCSA. It was well attended, in excess of 160 registered. To the Gentlemen who took time out of a busy schedule to be with us and be our guest speakers, we are most grateful and extend our sincere thanks. All of the talks were most interesting, informative and educational, and it was a privilege to be there and hear them. Thanks again, Gentlemen.

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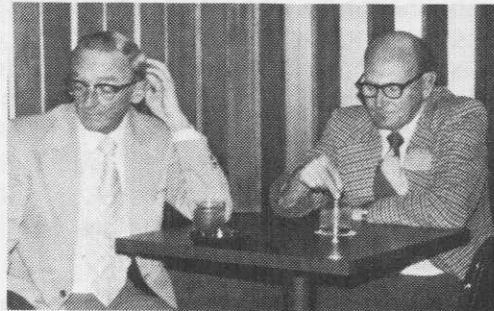
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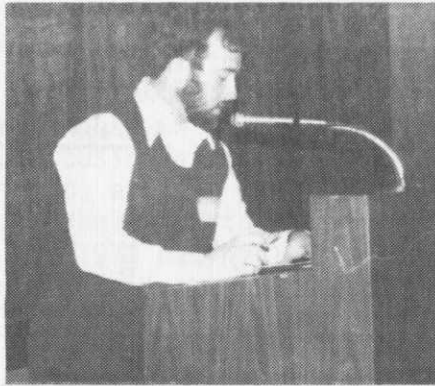
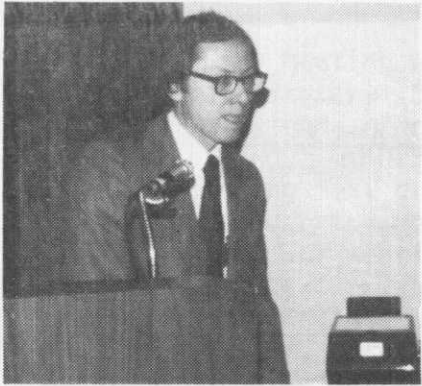
The Conference closed with the Banquet and Dance. This is always a great ending to a fine event. Having the Ladies there with their beauty and grace makes a closing that is hard to beat, yes, not even tie.

In addition to the dinner and Dance there were a couple other things of interest. Larry Vetter presented Dr. Steinstra with a check for the Research Program. A GCSAA Scholarship was awarded to Gary Swanson from the Ridgeview Country Club, Duluth, who is attending the University of Minnesota in Dr. Don White's Turf Management Course. Congratulations, Mr. Swanson. There was also a drawing for a week end for two at Jim Maddens - Madden Inn, Brainerd, Minn. The lucky couple was Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Fuller of the Mankato Golf Club. Have fun, Fullers.

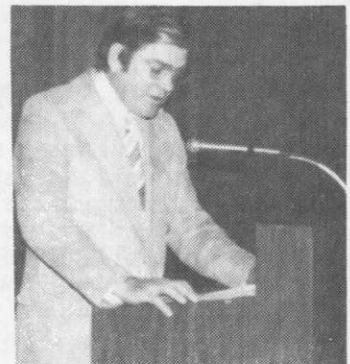
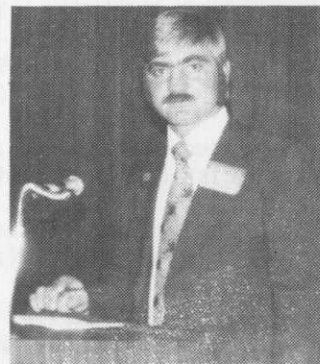
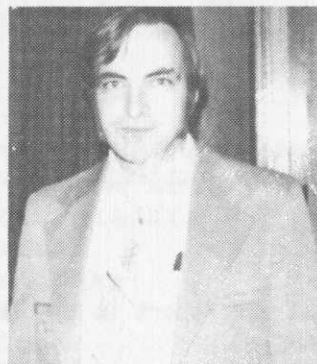
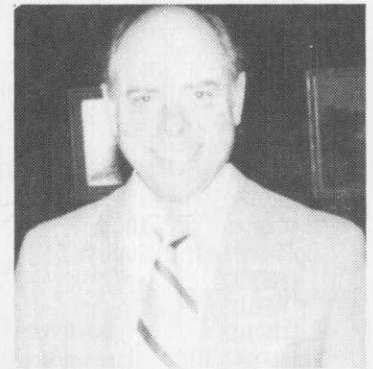
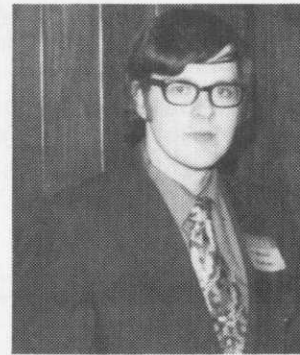


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GUEST SPEAKERS AND SESSION CHAIRMEN



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