

# Dean Sime's Presidential Message

As we enter the New Year, we must all feel an air of excitement as we prepare to host the 1976 National Conference. Our Co-Chairmen, Larry Vetter and Jerry Murphy, have been extremely active in organizing committees and making the final arrangements. We all owe them our thanks for a job well done.

The theme for the 47th International Conference and Show is "Spirit of Progress". Aspects of turfgrass management will be covered by seventy speakers throughout the week. Concurrent sessions will be in progress, allowing you the choice of topics which you feel are relevant to your individual golf course. The equipment show is entirely sold out. Approximately 2 1/2 acres of floor space will accommodate 160 different firms in presenting nearly 8 million dollars worth of equipment. Surely a golf course that does not send its superintendent to this one is missing the boat. It is obviously lacking the "Spirit of Progress".

Keith Scott has been appointed chairman of a Post Conference Ski Trip. Arrangements have been made with a local travel agency to handle the planning and the financial aspects involved. The trip involves five nights at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth and four days of skiing at Spirit Mountain. A bus will leave Friday, February 13 and will remain with the group to provide daily transportation. All this for an amazingly low price of \$121.00 per person. Anyone interested in this package should contact Barbara Christenson, Travel 76, at 472-5747.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for giving me the responsibility to serve the M.G.C.S.A. in 1976. Our new directors, Dick DeSplinter and John Lightfoot, will add new enthusiasm and dedication to our Board. With these two new people and our experienced existing Board, I have every confidence that we are in for a successful and rewarding New Year.

## Two New Directors Elected

Dick DeSplinter, left, of Village Golf, New Hope and John Lightfoot, right, Cloquet C.C. were elected to two year terms over a strong field of eight nominees. These two outstanding men will join directors George Jennrich and Clem McCann and the new officers on the 1976 Board of Directors. Each is expected to chair an important committee as soon as appointments are named by President Sime.

The Annual Meeting was followed by a stag cocktail hour and dinner. The after dinner entertainment was delightfully introduced by Milt Wiley of Toro, assisted by Gordy Miller of Gould's. It turned out to be an hilarious evening that was enjoyed by all.

