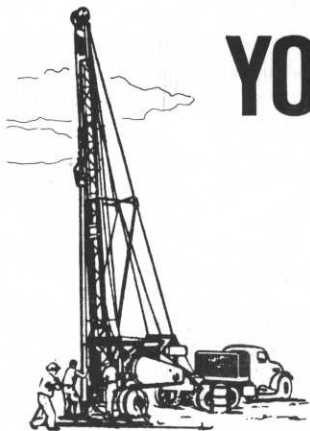


# MGCSA Associates Honored

It was a clear, cool and crisp fall day when the members and friends of M.G.C.S.A. gathered at the magnificent Oak Ridge Country Club. The date was October 5 and special importance was placed on this monthly meeting as it was also designated Associates Appreciation Day. The associates were our guests all day and the host superintendent, Keith Scott, made them feel welcome from the start by providing an absolutely perfectly manicured golf course. Though not unfamiliar with a golf course in many respects, several associates were found exploring unknown territories in search of small white treasures while taking advantage of the opportunity to play one of their infrequent rounds. The scores that were posted reflected the amount of time the hard working associates spend in performing their occupations rather than indulging in this form of relaxation.

The afternoon's activities continued with a short business meeting, chaired by President Sime. Several important subjects were discussed including the Research Fund report which was given by Jim Lindblad. Jim stated that he had received a very generous donation to the Research Fund of \$200 from the Arrowhead Turf Association. The bad news is the fact that even with such outstanding gifts as that, the balance is far short of the needed \$2,000. The amount presently stands at slightly over \$1,100. So once again, we ask that you please contact the appropriate member of your club and ask him if the club could possibly make a contribution in this area. Any donation would help immensely in reaching our goal of \$2,000 by the time of the Turf Conference in December. Also brought up at this meeting was the decision by M.G.C.S.A. to donate \$110.00 to the G.C.S.A.A. Research Fund in lieu of running a full page add in the GOLF SUPERINTENDENT. Normally, these adds appear in the issue just prior to the National Turf Conference and Show. Carl Anderson was asked to relay to us some of the many pleasant experiences he had during his trip to the Sylvania Country Club to receive the G.C.S.A.A. Outstanding Service Award. Carl told of the many interesting and exciting events which took place that week including the appearance and speech by Arnold Palmer. It is of great interest that a professional golfer of the stature of Palmer is keenly aware that the advancements made in golf in the last fifty years are due mainly to the hard work and continued efforts of the gentlemen known as GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS. Palmer was truly thankful for this and also urged those present to continue to strive for the betterment of golf in every aspect.

The meeting was followed by a delicious hors d'oeuvre table and social hour. A steak dinner capped the day's activities and I am sure everyone went home completely satisfied. Thanks once again to Keith Scott and the entire staff of Oak Ridge Country Club for their show of hospitality.



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