

# TURF CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

Recognized as the most important annual forum of the area for superintendents, the conference drew 142 people. The educational program featured outstanding superintendents, researchers, educators and distributors.

In addition to the educational materials presented, the annual conference offered the opportunity to meet and compare notes with other area superintendents.

There are many people who contributed to the success of this conference. I wish to express and offer a very special thank you to the following people: Registration - Jerry Commers, Cushman Motor Company, Inc.; Russ Rose, Ryan Equipment; Gordy Miller, R. L. Gould & Company; Milt Wiley, M.T. Wiley, Inc.; Jack Kolb, Turf Supply Company; Mike Redmond, O.M. Scott & Sons; Kent Kromer, Kromer Company; Mike Milosovich, Long Lake Ford; John Sniker, Reed's Sales & Service. Session Chairmen - Tom Brown, Somerset Country Club; Doug Dieter, Brookview Country Club; John Lightfoot, Cloquet Country Club. Thinking Superintendents - Nick Dunn, Hazeltine National Golf Club; David Holler, C.G.C.S. Gulph Mills Golf Club; Roger Kisch, Southview Country Club; George Ostler, Hillcrest Country Club; Rich Rannells, Golden Valley Country Club; Dean Sime, Interlachen Country Club. Arrangements - George Jennrich, Woodhill Country Club. Entertainment - Roger Kisch, Southview Country Club and Larry Mueller, Minnesota Valley Country Club. Education - Dennis Hendrickson, Honeywell Country Club and Doug Dieter, Brookview Country Club. Speakers & Researchers - Dr. George Blake, Soils Department, U of M; Mervin Eisel, U of M Landscape Arboretum; Dr. David French, Department of Plant Pathology, U of M; David Holler, CGCS, G.C.S.A.A. Director, Gulph Mills Golf Club, King of Prussia, Pa.; Donald Maske, Tuco Division of the Upjohn Co.; Carl Schwartzkopf, U.S.G.A. Green Section, Mid-Continent Director; Dr. Ward Stienstra, Department of Plant Pathology, U of M; Dr. Donald White, Department of Horticulture, U of M; Charles Wilson, Director of Agronomy and Marketing, Sewerage Commission of the City of Milwaukee.

Again thanks to all for an excellent program.

For those who missed the conference, the following is a recap of the conference program:

- "Turf Grass Reflections". Charles Wilson reflected on how turf maintenance procedures have changed from past to present.
- "E.P.A. and the Manufacturer". Donald Maske told of problems encountered by the manufacturer in making new materials available to the superintendent.
- "Trees for the Golf Course". Mervin Eisel gave us information on different species of trees and shrubs for golf course plantings.
- "Minnesota Snow Mold Story". To provide the superintendent better selections of chemical controls, Dr. Ward Stienstra gave the audience a fact sheet that showed the results of testing chemicals.
- "The G.C.S.A.A. and You". David C. Holler discussed the association, how to use it and possible direction of the association.
- "Grass Hardiness in Minnesota". Dr. Donald White gave insight as to how grass hardiness changes with the varying conditions during Minnesota seasons.
- "Helpful Hints in Growing and Maintaining Turf". Carl Scharwtzkopf gave helpful hints for solving a variety of problems encountered in golf course maintenance.
- "Golf Course Soils Management". Dr. George Blake gave interesting information about soil moisture and turf requirements in Minnesota. "Water when the grass needs it".
- "Dutch Elm Disease". Dr. David French provided much needed information about controlling Dutch Elm Disease through chemical control as well as control through pruning.

Dick DeSplinter  
Conference Chairman