

The President Reports

The 48th International Turfgrass Conference and Show was held in Portland, Oregon February 6-11 with about sixty Minnesotans in attendance. Our many thanks to Gordy Miller of R. L. Gould who handled most of the airline and hotel accommodations.

The conference was kicked off Monday morning by Keynote Speaker Heywood Hale Broun with the concurrent educational sessions starting Monday afternoon and running through Thursday p.m. Tuesday a.m. the exhibits opened with many new and exciting innovations. One which many of us are going to find that we cannot do without is a monorail golf cart system which we can have installed for a mere \$300,000.00!

Monday night was a feast for all seafood lovers. The local chapter put on a crab fete featuring all the crab you could eat. They must have gone broke the way many of us ate. As usual, we were royally entertained Thursday night at the banquet by Cathy Johnson, Glen Ash and the Johnny Reitz Orchestra. It was announced that there were over 5,200 in attendance at the conference, making this the largest ever!

Many thanks to Minnesota Toro and host, Milt Wiley, for a very delightful cocktail party on Wednesday night. Also our thanks to Jack Kolb for the Par-Ex get-together on Tuesday evening.
Jim Lindblad, President



MEETING SITE. The impressive Portland Coliseum was an ideal facility for the meetings.



TOGETHERNESS. Joann and Jon Heimsness of Moorhead at Waverly Country Club on golf course tour.



NEW IDEAS. Julie and Randy Nelson of Owatonna like hole designation sign on golf course tour.



SPECULATION. Old hand Dean Sime checks possible turf disease at Portland Golf Club.