

Optimism Marks March Meeting

On a bright sunny first day of spring when the temperature reached into the 50's for the initial time in 1978, the mood of the 85 to 100 in attendance at the Mini Seminar was definitely upbeat. This feeling was also apparent in the speakers who discussed possible problems but had definite answers or remedies to try to solve those problems. Our thanks to Dr. White, Larry Vetter, Dr. Watson, Dr. Rieke and Dr. French for a most informative afternoon. Special thanks to George Ostler, the host superintendent, Dennis Hendrickson, Educational Chairman and Carl Johnston, Arrangements Chairman, for all their efforts which produced such a successful session.

At the business meeting President Keith Scott read the following letters into the records from two retiring members:

From Cal Polsean, Arrowhead Country Club, Rapid City, South Dakota: "To my many friends, the members of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association. My wife, Veronica, and I, after much thought and thirty-two years on a golf course - ten years at the Brookings Country Club and twenty-two years at the Arrowhead Country Club, Rapid City, South Dakota - decided that we should spend more time FISHING. So April 1, 1978 I am retiring. At this time I want to thank the M.G.C.S.A. for all the great help they have given me in the past and to wish them the best in the future. We have bought a home in Hill City 'In the Heart of the Black Hills' and want to at this time invite you and yours to stop in and see us when ever you are in the Black Hills. Thanks again and may God bless you and help you in your work as He has helped me in the past. Thanks again and hope to see you in the future."

From Howard E. Kaerwer, Manager, Research-Service Department, Northrup King Co.: "May I express through you my deep felt appreciation to the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association for the honor which has been bestowed upon me. This honor is especially gratifying because it came from a very active and progressive organization. I have enjoyed my contact with the membership over the years and have been grateful for the knowledge and friends I have gained through the M.G.C.S.A. Thank you very much for voting me an Honorary Member of the Association. Best wishes."

Bill Johnson, Membership Chairman, announced the following reclassifications: Cal Polsean, Sr., AA; Richard Crosby, AA; Richard Williams, B1; Randy Nelson, A; Carlos Stimson, A; James Brooks, A; John Steiner, B2; John Kuusinen, A; David Swanson, B1; Maurice Anderson, B1; Einer Oscarson, A; Bob Nulph, B1; Robert Grew, A; John Helget, A; Kerry Gladen, B1; Richard Dicks, Jr., B1.

A record number of new members were in attendance and approved at the general meeting. Bill did an excellent job of introducing all of them. Our first lady member was among the new approvals and we are sure this is just the start of many more to come. The new members approved are: Richard P. Berscheit, F2; Orv Robertson, F2; Joseph Check, F2; Steve Schumacher, C; Pat Klein, C; Scott Liestman, C; Stephen Lawson, B2; David McDermott, B2; Andrew Lindquist, F; Allan Smith, B2; Scott Pruszinske, B2; Fred Taylor, C; Michael Barnum, B2; Regina Zwart, B2; John Sheedy, C; Charles Vedvick, C.

President Scott proposed that the M.G.C.S.A. contact the National organization and see if it is possible to schedule a G.C.S.A.A. Seminar in the Twin Cities area this coming fall. A show of hands indicated a sufficient number were willing to attend so that the idea was feasible. Regarding the subject matter, the overwhelming interest was in the course entitled Management II. President Scott will contact the National office and report back next month.

Mark your calendar now for M.G.C.S.A.'s monthly meeting which will be held April 11 at the Hazeltine National Golf Club. Host Superintendent Nick Dunn is sure to have a great day in store for all. Don't forget to send in your reservation.