RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

by Don Lindblad and Mark Smith Research Committee Co-Chairmen

The Research Committee realizes that there is a need to reassess our Research Program and try to make it more productive and responsive to our needs and concerns. With that objective in mind the Research Committee met with a steering committee composed of ten MGCSA superintendents at Majestic Oaks on December 22, 1982. General areas of concern that came out of that meeting were 1) chemical resistance, 2) quality decline of fairway turf during the summer, 3) adapting computers to fit a golf course superintendent's needs, 4) sand, 5) investigate the elimination of PMAS from fall fairway snow mold programs, using PCNB instead. Other concerns that the Research Committee will consider are the introduction of the gypsy moth to Minnesota and the detrimental effects of ice coverage on putting greens.

Between now and April the Research Committee will attempt to narrow these general areas of concern to specific research objectives and attach a price tag to each. This package will then be presented to the MGCSA Board of Directors for their consideration. In the meantime the committee will be meeting with individuals who have considerable experience with turfgrass research at the national level in order to prevent duplication of research already done and in order to direct our research dollars where they will benefit our association and its members the most. If you have ideas for the Research Committee, please communicate them to Don Lindblad, Mark Smith or any other board member. It is your money being spent!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following changes in membership occurred since the last monthly meeting: WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Vicki Duffy, Minnetonka C.C., BII; Ronald A. Noyce, Minikahda Club, D. The following were RECLASSIFIED: Kevin Clunis, Woodmore C.C., BII; Andy Lindquist, Brookview G.C., BII. CONGRATULATIONS to Robert D. Smith, retired Superintendent, Gross Golf Club, on becoming a Life Member.

