

# ASSOCIATES' CORNER

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## KNOWLEDGE PLUS CHEMICALS SOLVE TURF PROBLEMS

First let me say a few words about myself and my background. While attending Simpson College I worked at my hometown golf course at Forest City, Iowa. After graduation in Business and Economics I was a Superintendent General Manager for three and one-half years. During that period I attended various turf classes around the state. After that period I accepted a position in Des Moines at Willow Creek G.C., a 27-hole facility. For Willow Creek I also managed a garden center, landscaping and lawn service. Six and one-half years later I joined the Brayton Chemicals organization when the decision to expand to Minnesota in turf was formulated. Before actually moving to Minnesota I had the privilege (through Brayton) of touring a week with Dr. Harry Niemczyk and Dr. Joe Vargas in other Brayton territories.

This hands on, on the spot learning is a yearly event for Brayton. Last summer Dr. Paul Riecke from Michigan State and I took a two day tour of a number of turf facilities in Minnesota and I think everyone involved learned something about sand topdressing, hydrophobic soils, fusarium and many other turf related topics. In 1984 we hope to make that visit in coordination with a state MGCSA meeting.

Brayton is a service oriented company. Starting as strictly an Ag chemical company and distributor years ago, it has made a logical and important expansion into the turf specialties market. A distributor for all turf and ornamental fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and with sales personnel and warehouses throughout the entire Midwest and Mideast, the commitment to the turf industry is very great. Brayton is also committed to the dissemination of ideas and facts. After all, a distributor must be a distributor of

knowledge as well as the tools (chemicals) to solve problems.

Enough about Brayton chemicals. The year or so that I have been in Minnesota has been most enjoyable. The superintendents are great which makes the M.G.C.S.A. also a good organization. The turf conference this last month was one of the best state conferences I have attended. For it and the past year I would like to thank the superintendents and the University and I hope the years to come will be as enjoyable and productive.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following Membership Report is from the Annual Conference and the December 13, 1983 Board Meeting:

**NEW MEMBERS:** Jeff Earley, Hazen G.C., North Dakota, Class BII; Bill Sexton, Pine River G.C., Minnesota, Class BII; Steve Ross, Bracketts Crossing, Minnesota, Class BII; Todd Dietz, Anoka AVTI, Class C; Bryan Stover, Anoka AVTI, Class C; Pete Mogren, Anoka AVTI, Class C; Steve Sinclair, Anoka AVTI, Class C; Joseph Baker, Anoka AVTI, Class C; Kerry Anderson, Lebanon Chemicals Co., Class F; and Jerry Odash, Kaye Corp., Class F.

**REINSTATEMENTS:** Bruce Luchsinger, Hudson G.C., Wisconsin, Class A; and Calvin Schmidt, Riverdale G.C., Colorado, Class A.

**CLASSIFICATION CHANGES:** Jeff Churchill, Wadena C.C., Class A; John Mackenzie, Lost Spur C.C., Class BII; John Granholt, Eau Claire C.C., Class A; Pat Walton, Golden Valley C.C., Class BII; and Tim George, Eshquaguma C.C., Class A.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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