

# A DAY TO REMEMBER - A FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO

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As an acquaintance of Harold Stodola's I am proud to say that the first annual Harold Stodola Research Golf Tournament was more of a success than anyone expected. The idea of honoring someone in Minnesota in the form of a Research Tournament came after a discussion with Dr. Fred Grau. The MGCS Board knew that we wanted to have a Research Tournament, but what or how was a problem. Dr. Grau asked me if there was someone in Minnesota that we could honor. Having spent a week in 1977 in Hawaii with the Stodolas, my answer was, of course, Harold Stodola.

Our first annual Stodola Research Tournament raised over \$3,000. It was held at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska on September 9, 1985. This was in the midst of Hazeltine's bacterial wilt problem on their greens. It was testimony of the interest that we in Minnesota share the joy and love for a wonderful man, the last of the original greenskeepers, and the concern and support for Golf Course Superintendent Chris Hague, and the Hazeltine National Golf Club.

At Harold Stodola's request the MGCSA will be forwarding the proceeds from the tournament to the Musser International Turf Grass Foundation which Harold's close friend, Dr. Fred Grau, is president. As the MGCSA plans to continue the Harold Stodola Research Tournament, we trust our association will continue its overwhelming support for this outstanding man. In doing so we show our support of other turfgrass foundations or research projects on Harold Stodola's behalf

I urge you to read the enclosed speech given by Mr. Gerald Murphy, Somerset Country Club, It is a touching and moving fulfillment about a man we all love and care for.

# MGCSA CONFERENCE UPDATE

by Co-Chairmen Chris Hague  
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Just a reminder to all of our members that the annual conference will be upon us in a very short two months. Once again the Sheraton Northwest will be the site on December 4, 5, 6.

There will a slight change in the format this year; that being an extra one-half day of proceedings on Wednesday morning rather than starting speakers in the afternoon. So please make plans to arrive at the Sheraton on Tuesday evening or by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday this year.

Subjects of interest will include pesticide updating, fairway renovation, soils lab considerations, tree maintenance, negotiating, water and thatch relationships, and several other not yet finalized. Our list of speakers so far will include: Bobby Gee, Keynote Speaker; James Prusa, GCSAA Representative, Director of Education; James Latham, USGA Agronomist; Judith Gockel, Owner, Agri-Systems Soils Lab; Oscar Miles, Superintendent, Butler National Golf Club; Gordon Whitteman, Superintendent, Board of Trade Country Club; Mark Stennis, Stennis Tree; Dr. Don White, University of Minnesota; Gerald Murphy, Superintendent, Somerset Country Club; Chris Hague, Superintendent, Hazeltine National Golf Club.

The next HOLE NOTES will include a full detailed conference schedule for your information and assistance. A special pre-registration form will be mailed to all members in October. Please make hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Northwest.

