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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KERRY GLADER

A beautiful golf course and day confronted nearly one hundred golfers as they prepared to win the MGCSA Amateur at the Stillwater Country Club. Host superintendent, Kevin Clunis, had the course in exceptional condition. Thank you, Kevin, and many thanks to your staff and to the Stillwater Country Club for the great time and service we received. I sincerely hope we may return to visit your course, again, in the near future.

Congratulatins to the tournament winners and the tournament chairman for putting together a grand day.

With new evidence of Bacterial Wilt on other Minnesota golf courses, I would like mention of the concern committment of the Board of Directors to future funding of research on problem. To date on the national level. adequate funding has not been directed toward Bacterial Wilt research. MGCSA is very concerned and interested in funding this area. However, the cost for an adequately funded research grant is in of \$25,000 annually. Unfortunately, it seems it will take more cases of bacterial wilt to draw the needed attention and concern. implications of further bentgrass specie contamination is present and hopefully, research could eleviate our concerns. The MGCSA will, without a doubt, be funding this area of needed research.

The Second Annual MGCSA - Harold Stodola Research and Scholarship Fund Raiser and Guest Scramble is coming up on September 15 at Midland Hills Country Club. Host superintendent, Paul Mayes, will most certainly have his course in top condition and should be quite a challenge. Our Guest Scramble allows each of us to bring our club members to participate in a fun event and to raise funds for our state research efforts.

See you at Midland Hills!