

TURF CONFERENCE KEEPS ON GROWING

by KERRY GLADER, Annual Conference Co-Chair

The 61st Annual MGCSA Turf Conference and Business Meeting was a tremendous success. Pre-registration numbers were up significantly over previous years. Depending upon how you look at it, so were same day registrations. Talk about driving the conference committee crazy! Not that we were not before mind you, but people have to realize that this creates problems when you get an average of 58 walk-ins each day.



Conference Co-Chairs (L to R) Dan Hanson, Kerry Glader and Jim Nicol.

Average attendance was 363 per day. Wednesday had 298 pre and 49 walk-ins. Thursday had 358 pre and 59 walk-ins. Friday had 259 pre and 68 walk-ins. Friday Night's Banquet and Casino Night were very well attended, with 205 present and all having fun spending the federal deficit.



Space age registration was tested by large numbers of walk-ins. Barb Glader was up to the test.

A respectable slate of speakers were presented and well accepted by the conference attendees. A few new faces to the Pesticide Applicator Training Session helped in in-

crease awareness and interest in that subject. Jim Cink, Bob Muggas and especially the attorney tag-team Kurt Deter and Bill Smoley created some concern about the Employee Right to Know Law and the Under 18 Work Force. By the way, those attorney's were from St. Cloud if you want to talk with them some more. They will be writing some articles for HOLE NOTES this year and will be covering the subjects that they alluded to. For those of us that do not get to the GCSAA International Turf Conference, Gary Watschke and Jim Latham covered "Turf Tips From Around the Country" and "The USGA Green Section 1988 Drought in Review". Bruce Charleton from the Design Group of Robert Trent Jones II talked about "Green and Tee Construction". For those of you that were wondering why we had two years of construction subjects, we would certainly welcome your help arranging for speakers. Never fear though, 1989 is the last year the MGCSA Conference and the National Agronomy meetings conflict. Dr. Roy Goss covered or uncovered more of the "Black Layer" mystery and "Micro-nutrient Deficiencies". Leroy Young was squeezed by the clock to help us better understand and operate our irrigation pumps more efficiently. Gary Peterson from Pacific Golf Construction Company, one of our former Minnesota Superintendents, showed us the cheap cost of new course construction on the west coast. If you think I said cheap! Take the C off and you get heap. A heap of dollar bills that would go to the moon and back is what I meant. Cary Femrite covered the construction of recently opened Pebble Creek GC in Becker. I thank Cary for his effort and interest in helping me out in a pinch, and I know he will smile when he sees those T-shirts next year that say, I survived the slide show of '88". Finally, I was relieved by a late running conference schedule and a burnt out projector bulb! But, do not worry because those 140 slides I had for you will return when you least expect it!



Sharon Anderson and Barb Glader were superb in handling an average daily attendance of 363.

To the Sheraton Northwest and Lisa Voves we are all grateful and happy to have returned to your well run hotel and wonderful staff. To my best half, Barb, who has done a splendid job with registrations, the entire membership

thanks you. To the Education Committee, just wait until you're the chair and see if you thought I did too much. I thank you all for your support and input. To the fifty associates that graced our Bull Session and supported this conference, we sincerely thank you and we hope that it will continue to grow even more. Finally, last but not least, to the people from the 162 clubs that were represented at the conference out of an estimated 210 member clubs we say THANK YOU! You are what makes our conference a success each year.

My thanks to you all!

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

by FRED ANDERSON, CGCS, Scholarship Chairman

I would like to thank my Scholarship Committee of Doug Mahal, Dale Caldwell, Tom Fischer and Mike Leitner for their time and thoughts in this difficult selection process of the many fine candidates. The recipients of the 1988 Harold Stodola Memorial Scholarship are Richard Traver, Jr. (Penn State), Greg Iden (U of M, Waseca), and Scott Thompson (Iowa State). Congratulations to you gentlemen and best wishes on your future careers.

1989 MGCSA

MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>MEETING TYPE</u>
January 9	Woodhill CC	Winter Outing
March 15	Sheraton NW	Mini-Seminar
April 10	New Prague GC	
May 8	Edenvale GC	
June 12	Detroit CC	
July 10	Pebble Creek GC	
* August 7	Edina CC	MGCSA Championship
* Sept. 11	Oak Ridge CC	Member-Guest
October 9	Willmar GC	
* November 6	<i>To be announced</i>	

* Dinner Meetings



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