



OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD

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Editorial Chairman**

As you may have noticed, this issue of *HOLE NOTES* is carrying a new byline. Bill Johnson of Edina Country Club and myself, Greg Hubbard of Manitou Ridge Golf Course, have been assigned to the Editorial Committee which oversees the publication of our association's monthly newsletter. We need your help to achieve our goal of improving the quality of the publication by refocusing its content. We believe there is a vast untapped resource at our disposal to accomplish this goal - YOU, the members of MGCSA. Now is the time to help the organization and yourself by sharing your thoughts and ideas on golf course operations with your fellow members. Help your association by sharing your unique approaches to turfgrass management and your experiences in course renovation projects. Daily contacts with associate members and other suppliers are also excellent sources of information for an article. Send us your tips on problem solving at your course or comments on special equipment you use to meet your needs. We can turn your rough drafts into finished products. In return, special engraved plaques will be presented to you at our monthly meetings recognizing you as a contributing, active member of MGCSA. Help yourself by gaining recognition with your peers while promoting a professional image. Use these cold, winter months to sit by the fireplace and collect your thoughts for future publications. Our success in achieving this goal will be the responsibility of the membership. We can only beg, cajole, and solicit your help.

Another way of enhancing your professional image is to volunteer as a regional reporter for *HOLE NOTES*. News and information from around the state is difficult to gather. Through regional reporters, our newsletter can more accurately reflect our entire membership, not just those in the Twin Cities area. You, too, can become a major contributor to the success of *HOLE NOTES*.

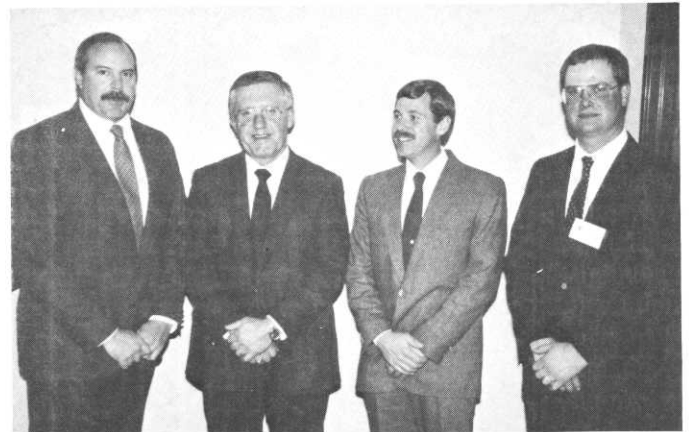
In addition to a career, golf course superintendents are now striving for professional status. Membership in GCSAA is one means of attaining this. Some of you are now turning your thoughts towards sunny California in the upcoming GCSAA golf tournament and convention in February. For those who are not members of this fine organization, let me urge you to join. The cost of membership is easily returned by the informative and useful articles found in *GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT* magazine, the ability to achieve superintendent certification, and

many other useful member benefits. Membership at the national level allows you to keep abreast of the many fast breaking ideas and methods which can keep you at the forefront of your field. Register now!

In short, PARTICIPATION is the key to attaining professional status and respect. Your involvement in *HOLE NOTES* and professional organizations such as GCSAA are two ways of improving yourself and your profession.

NEW OFFICERS, BYLAWS CHANGE HIGHLIGHT BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting and election of officers was held Wednesday, November 30, 1988 at the Sheraton Inn Northwest. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Keith Scott of Oak Ridge Country Club on his election as President of MGCSA. Joining Keith on the Executive Board are Mr. Fred Anderson, Vice President; Mr. Rick Fredericksen, Secretary; and Mr. Tom Fischer, Treasurer.



New Executive Board (L to R) Vice-President, Fred Anderson; President, Keith Scott; Treasurer, Tom Fischer; and Secretary, Rick Fredericksen.



New Directors, Mike Netzel of Northland CC (L) and Bill Johnson of Edina CC.