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THE TASKS KEEP COMING

by KEITH SCOTT, CGCS
MGCSA PRESIDENT

We all know as an association, the days of golf course maintenance are over and the days of golf course management are here. Over the past few months we have heard and read much information in regard to the "Employee Right-to-Know" and the "Child Labor" laws. We must also be continually aware of the various regulations governing the Federal and State Pesticide laws, the quality of ground and surface water, underground storage tanks, proper disposal of wastes and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Attaining compliance at your course may involve simple modifications in record keeping or procedures or more sweeping changes and investments in training programs or equipment. The MGCSA Board is working hard to bring this information to you and if there are any questions, please contact any board member.

The March Mini-Seminar held at the Sheraton Northwest was a tremendous success. Inclement weather didn't deter over 220 registrants from participating. Our thanks to Dan Hanson, Kevin Clunis and Kerry Glader for arranging this event and special thanks to Dr. Ward Stienstra for admirably filling in for the snow-bound Dr. Richard Cooper.

The GCSAA Seminar "Disease Identification and Control", held at the Sheraton Northwest on March 13 & 14, was a complete sellout. Just another indication how and why turf managers are continually upgrading their profession.

The University of Minnesota - Waseca is offering two golf course related programs entitled "Golf Course and Grounds Management" and "Golf Course and Grounds Mechanization". These courses are two years in length and participants will attain an Associate of Applied Science Degree. MGCSA members, over the past two years, have assisted UMW in setting up and critiquing these programs. I would encourage each of you to look into these programs and to visit their facility. Brad Peterson, Associate Professor of Horticulture, will further describe these programs in the May issue of HOLE NOTES.

See you April 10 at the New Prague Golf Club.