

## SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

# When You Add It All Up, Our 62nd Turf Conference Was A Huge Success

The 62nd Annual MGCSA Turf Conference was an outstanding success. Pre-registration numbers were up significantly over the previous year. Your registration table committee thanks all of you for this fine effort. It does make everything run a lot smoother.

Average attendance was 371 per day. Wednesday had 376, Thursday 416 and Friday 320. Friday evening's Banquet and Casino Night was exceptionally well-attended with 263 present. They were treated to a tremendous dinner and night of fun at the tables.

**Several awards** were presented to honored individuals at the banquet. **Fred Taylor**, assistant superintendent at Mankato Country Club, was presented the first Annual James Watson Journalism Award for his "Hole Notes" article, "Board Silly." Several "Service Awards" were given honorary mention.

**Larry Mueller**, Minnesota Valley Club; Dick Wise, Oxbow Country Club; Tom Stelter Como Park Golf Club, and Jim Wodash, Willmar Golf Club, were all presented with 25-year plaques.

John Beyer, Brainerd, was given a plaque for 35 years and Gordy Miller, North Star Turf, was presented with his most prestigious FORTY-YEAR plaque. Our congratulations go out to these men for their untiring dedication and service to this profession and industry. **The 1989 Harold Stodola Scholarship** recipients — Nancy O'Connor, attending Horrey-Georgetown Technical College, and Mike Mohnstingl, a student at Anoka Technical Institute were introduced by Scholarship Committee Chairman Rick Fredericksen. Each gave sincere



**1989-90 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** are, from left, Kerry Glader, St. Cloud Country Club, president; Tom Fischer, Edinburgh U.S.A., vice-president; Jim Nicol, Bunker Hills, treasurer, and Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill Country Club, secretary.

thanks to this association for the scholarships they received.

**Finally, our highest honors** went to Mr. Milt Wiley and Dr. James Watson, as we presented them our first Annual Distinguished Service Awards. Their dedication and service to our profession, industry and association will be forever instilled in our history. It was truly a night to be remembered.

**A respectable slate of speakers** was presented and well-accepted by conference attendants. Although the "Pesticide Session" was

basically repetitive from years past, it's the law. **Golf Professional Bill Israelson** spoke to our group during the Thursday morning Fellowship Breakfast, with many interested in where his life's experiences have taken him.

Several new speakers to our conference included Dr. Bruce Branham, Michigan State University; Oscar Miles, CGCS, superintendent at Butler National Golf Club; Jerry Faubel, CGCS, vice-president of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America and superintendent at Saginaw CC; Art Wick, vice-president at Lesco Company; Don Sellinger, Bailey Nurseries; Phil Allen, graduate student under Dr. Don White at the University of Minnesota, and Irv Eisel, director of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

A great slate of speakers with a wide range of topics from Poa Annuua Competition to Seed Germination was presented. As with the t-shirts that said "I Survived the Slide Show of 1988," new ones are on order that say "I Survived the Video of 1989." I wonder what we can come up with for 1990?

I would like to thank the Sheraton Northwest staff for its hospitality, the Education Committee for all its hard work and my best half, Barb, and her staff at the registration table. Most of all, thanks to all of you who were able to attend. In the immortal words of Dr. James Wat-



**NEWLY-ELECTED DIRECTORS** are, from left, John Harris, Lafayette Club; Kevin Clunis, Stillwater Country Club, and Joe Moris, Tartan Park.

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# GREEN CLIPPINGS

**Paul Mayes** has moved to Brackett's Crossing...**Guy Green**, assistant executive director of the MGA, has tendered his resignation to pursue his interest in radio and comedy. Listen to Guy on American Public Radio's "First House on the Right" radio program on Minnesota Public Radio...**Ross Galarneault** of the MGA has been promoted to fill Guy's position. Many thanks for the fine work, Guy, and good luck in the future!...**Rick Fredericksen** is new superintendent at Woodhill...Over 15,000 people are expected to attend the GCSAA International Turf Conference in Orlando. Look for the **MGCSA Hospitality Room** at the Park Suites Hotel, Friday, February 23, of convention week...Many thanks to **Par Aide Company** for its special \$75 donation to the Research Fund area...More than 30 people enjoyed a fine lunch at the November meeting at **Faribault Golf & Country Club**. It's rumored that some even thought of playing golf, though none ventured out...**Kevin Clunis** has arranged all 1990 meeting sites. Looks like a fine lineup of golf courses. (See Page 11) Thanks to those who have offered their courses. Consider hosting an event yourself. There's no better opportunity to have that many experts on your side offering comments and compliments...Look for the **Mini Seminar** to be hosted by John Harris' Lafayette Club March 18-19. The GCSAA sponsored seminar, "Business Communication Assertiveness Techniques" precedes the Mini Seminar on March 19-20, also at Lafayette. A new Membership Screening Committee has been formed, co-chaired by the By-Laws Chairman and Membership Chairman. It's looking into beefing up Association eligibility requirements for future applicants. The past president will also be on this committee...Welcome to our new photographer, **Dale Wysocki** of Faribault GT&CC...Join East Side St. Paul Superintendents at Joseph's Restaurant every Wednesday morning for breakfast and roundtable discussions. Contact Kevin Clunis for more info...Look for the **Northland Inn** to be the new site of the annual turf conference beginning in 1990...Welcome to **Jim Sinkel** of Oak Ridge Country Club and **Bob DeRusha** of Cloquet Country Club--new members of GCSAA...Many thanks for the fine work **Mike Netzel** has done for MGCSA. Mike resigned from the Board at our annual meeting...**Cary Femrite** and **John**

## FUN AT FARIBAULT



**DALE WYSOCKI** was an excellent host at the November 30 meeting at Faribault Golf & Country Club.

**MacKenzie** were the lucky winners of \$250 each at the Annual Meeting...**Rick Fredericksen** won the TV which was raffled off during Casino Night...Look for an LPGA Tour event to be held at Edinburgh USA during the third week of August, 1990...New Minnesota PGA offices will be at Bunker Hills...Associated Member liasons will be appointed to the Board of Directors soon.

### Turf Conference

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son, "This Association is known nationally for its fine conferences, education/research work, donations to the USGA/GCSAA and for its dedicated membership." For this we should all be a part of what we do in this profession and participate whenever possible in all available education that can be obtained.

As we head into the '90s, we must lean on each other to be prepared for further restrictions and to build a strong defense for what we need to perform our daily duties as "keepers of the green".

My Thanks to you all!

—Kerry J. Glader, CGCS  
Twice Wounded Lame Duck Conference  
Chairman

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