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GCSAA IS EXPANDING

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 MGCSA PRESIDENT

Thank you to all the clubs for hosting MGCSA's Third Annual Turfgrass Research Benefit Day and to the Golden Valley Country Club for the evening dinner. It is our hope that we will see larger numbers and equal enthusiasm for 1990. Watch for early announcements. Congratulations to Bill Johnson, Superintendent at the Edina Country Club, for carding a hole-in-one at the Oak Ridge Country Club during the event.

I recently received current information from the GCSAA and I would like to share it with you. GCSAA is experiencing tremendous membership growth with well over 8000 members and soon to reach 9000. Over 1000 superintendents are certified and that number continues to rise. This growth has necessitated GCSAA officials to build a new headquarters in 1990. It is projected that the current 42 full-time employees will have to be increased to approximately 65-70 over the next six years. With all the impending pesticide and chemical issues that we are facing, the GCSAA's Governmental Affairs Committee has already many of these key programs in place: educational seminars dealing specifically with the environment and chemicals, the compliance self-audit program, a solid relationship with the chemical companies, communication with the green industry (sod growers, arborists, lawn care, etc.), contacts with EPA, USDA, Congress and OSHA and specific research dealing with environmental concerns. GCSAA is definitely taking the leadership roll in addressing these issues.

Over sixty MGCSA members traveled to the Detroit Country Club for our June monthly meeting. Thanks to Superintendent Brad Klein, CGCS, to all the people at the Club for hosing the event and to the Turf Supply Company for the educational portion of the day.

DEADLINE MOVED UP

In a move to try to get the *Hole Notes* out on time at the beginning of each month with a better quality, the Editorial Committee and the MGCSA Staff concluded that the Deadline of the 20th of each month will be moved up to the 15th of each month for Editorial contributions. The 20th remains the deadline for advertising.