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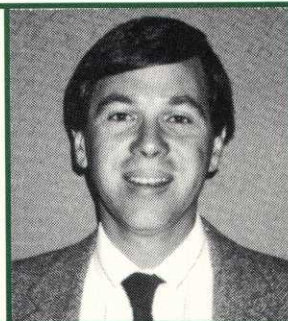
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Membership Gives MGCSA Board Vote of Confidence



A vote of confidence was given to the MGCSA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting when dues were raised \$40.00 per year by a unanimous vote of the membership.

For those not in attendance, the increase was necessary to cover a \$17,000 shortfall caused by the MGA asking us to find a new Executive Director. The Edina office had outgrown itself.

This past summer a committee was formed to seek a new director. Turtinen Communications was selected. The difference in operating costs was about \$13,000 which included expenses that the MGA did not pass along to our Association. We are now paying the true cost of running the organization.

The remaining \$4,000 will be used to cover expenses, such as the hospitality tent at the U.S. Open. We plan to have this tent located near the clubhouse, a place for us to gather for refreshments and rest while we watch the tournament. Another expense will be sponsoring hole-in-one insurance at the LPGA tourney.

Monies that are raised by the Research and Scholarship Committee cannot be used for our regular operating expenses. When these costs are subtracted from our assets, our balance in reserve funds is about \$20,000 to be spent for operation purposes. The increase that was voted in will help us give our membership the best service possible and keep intact our reputation as one of the finest associations in the country.

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The 63rd Annual Turf Conference was a great success. The Northland Inn is by far the finest facility at which we have held a conference. There were virtually no complaints and the service from the Northland Inn staff was outstanding. The speakers covered some very timely topics on water quality and how our chemicals affect the environment. These issues are hurdles we will be facing in the near future.

I especially would like to thank Kevin Clunis, Joe Moris and Jim Nicol for organizing this great conference and to Scott and Laurie Turtinen for handling registration so well.

Our next meeting is at Woodhill Country Club on January 7. Please join us in this always enjoyable event.

Happy Holidays.

—Tom Fischer, CGCS
MGCSA President



KEVIN CLUNIS

Stillwater Superintendent Chaired Great Convention
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