

Annual Conference Was An Enjoyable Event

Much higher attendance than expected, outstanding speakers and programs, appealing exhibits, a variety of award presentations, ample time for socializing, election of new officers and directors and well-run business sessions.

All of these activities created an enjoyable three days at the 64th Annual Conference and Business Meeting of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents'

Association November 20-22 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.

Since the annual pesticide licensing session, previously conducted at the annual conference now is held in March, MGCSA officers were a bit apprehensive about what attendance might be.

However, the daily attendance was 317 on Wednesday (November 20), 405 on

Thursday, 319 on Friday and 201 at the annual banquet Friday evening.

New officers elected at the business session were:

Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, president;

Greg Hubbard, Manitou Ridge Golf Club, vice-president;

Kevin Clunis, Stillwater Country Club, Stillwater, treasurer;

Elected directors were:

John Granholt, Eau Claire Country Club, Eau Claire, Wis.;

Bill Whitworth, Northfield Country Club, Northfield.

Doug Mahal, The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, was appointed secretary.

Outgoing directors were:

Jim Nicol, Bunker Hills Golf Course, treasurer;

Kerry Glader, an ex-officio member as immediate past president;

John Harris, Lafayette Club;

Joe Moris, Tartan Park Golf Course.

Continuing on the board as an ex-officio member is immediate past president **Tom Fischer, Edinburgh USA.**

Several awards were presented:

Distinguished Service Awards went to Russ Adams, University of Minnesota golf courses; Gordy Miller, North Star Turf, and Jack Kolb, Turf Supply Co.

Scholarship plaques were presented personally to Vance J. Warner, Brainerd, and Thomas Flood, Minneapolis. Kathy Solga accepted a plaque in behalf of her husband, David, a student at Penn State. The MGCSA's fourth scholarship recipient, Chris Youngbauer, Vernadale, was unable to attend.

Thirty-year service awards were presented to Jerry Murphy, Somerset Country Club, St. Paul, and Dennis Schoenfeldt, Minnewaska Golf Club, Glenwood.

Twenty-five year plaques went to Roger Kisch, Southview Country Club, West St. Paul; Joe Moris, Tartan Park Golf Course, Lake Elmo, and Larry Vetter, Turf Management Products, Inc.

Recipient of the Dr. James Watson Journalism Award was James Gardner, Rochester Country Club.

Winners of the \$250 attendance prizes at the annual meeting were Dennis Hendrickson, Wedgewood Valley Golf Club, Woodbury, and Mike Klatte, Elm Creek Golf Club, Plymouth.

A Conference Summary . . . And Plans for Next Year

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It's finally time to catch my breath. The first attempt at being conference coordinator was certainly an experience and an opportunity to sharpen one's organizational skills.

The amount of time spent at the hotel started Tuesday night and didn't end until Saturday morning, with every question and special request squeezed in between.

A number of positive comments were made to me about the Conference. One major comment was that we started later on Wednesday and we ended earlier. It certainly helped the registration process. That seemed less hectic than in years past.

The later time also helps those from out of town, enabling them to drive in Wednesday. Finishing earlier helped the business meeting attendance, which has been lacking in the past few years.

Along with the positive, there is also some negative. It seems that in coordinating the event and attending those of years past, you constantly fight repetition. It is a concern that needs consideration, but with the larger number of new members, it is important to expose them to local speakers and speakers who we, as an association, support through research. I will try to blend in some new ideas for topics for the 1992 Annual Conference. To those who have any suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me.

On Wednesday and Friday more than 300 people attended. On Thursday the number reached over 400. The trade show certainly has gotten bigger and better. Just a few years ago it was a few tables and chairs; not it seems to resemble the National Trade Show on a smaller scale. Thank you to all the associate members who participated.

I would like to thank all the speakers who participated in our Conference. All of the information presented to us can be digested and used to better ourselves and our profession.

Thank you, too, to Glenn Rasmussen, Dan Miller and Andy Lindquist for their help with the concurrent sessions, and thanks to Jim Gardner, Tom Kientzle, John Granholt, Brad Klein and Bill Whitworth for their participation as session chairmen.

I also would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thanks to Co-Chairmen Jim Nicol and Kevin Clunis for their direction and help.

Keep the dates of November 19-20-21, 1992 open for the MGCSA's 65th Annual Turf Conference and Business Meeting.