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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

U of M Creates New Position Of Turf Extension Specialist



The University of Minnesota Horticulture Department is in the process of finalizing a newly-created position of Turf Extension Specialist. The position would serve as a liaison between the University and the turfgrass industry. The extension position was made available as a result of the closing of the University Campus at Waseca.

Brad Pedersen, head of the turfgrass program at Waseca, was named to head this newly created position. The executive committee met with Dr. Gary Gardner, the department head for Horticulture at the University, to investigate avenues in which our association can be involved.

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The January meeting was welcomed back to Izaty's this year. Our thanks to Steve Schumacher for hosting the meeting. Several members tried their luck at fishing while others were testing it across the lake at the Grand Casino. Kudos to Steve Garske and his talk on "Innovative Ideas."

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At the Annual Meeting in November a request was made for more financial information during the year. This information is available to the general membership by phoning Scott Turtinen at the Association Office and requesting such.

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The MGCSA Research Committee donated \$1,000 to the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Fund at the Golden Tee Club Reception in New Orleans. Also \$1,000 was donated to the USGA Research Fund at the Green Section meetings.

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On behalf of the members who attended the MGCSA Social in New Orleans on Saturday evening, I would like to thank the Associate members who sponsored this get-together. We also extend our appreciation to Dan Miller, John Wiley and Steve Garske, who took the time to organize this fine event.

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The policy of having candidates for membership by the board has been changed to help accommodate applicants and to enable the board to spend more time on board-related activities. Mike Olson, membership chairman, has organized members from different regions of the state to handle the interviewing process. A set format of questions will be asked applicants applying for different classifications.

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The Board of Directors has promoted Scott Turtinen to Executive Director of the MGCSA. We look forward to working with Scott in this capacity.

—Rick Fredericksen, CGCS
MGCSA President

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