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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Second Garske Scholarship Scramble Another Success



The success of the second annual Garske Scholarship Scramble exemplifies the need to better relations with your staff. Judging by the happy faces at White Bear Yacht Club, a nice round of golf on a beautiful day improved everyone's attitude. Our thanks go to Steve Garske and Par Aide Company for their continued generous support of the scholarship program. Next year, we'll try for a morning and afternoon shotgun to accommodate all those who wish to play.

Progress on the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation is continuing as all participating organizations have committed to membership. The steering committee has been dismissed, and the first Board of Directors meeting will be held soon. This Foundation is the culmination of many years of hard work and will finally allow the Green Industry a unified voice over its affairs. My thanks to all who have made this a reality.

Our Research Committee is continuing its commitment to the University of Minnesota's research programs on snow mold and winter covers as the ban of mercury fungicides comes ever closer. Unrecognized participants in this endeavor are Charlie Pooch and his Bolstad/University of Minnesota golf course maintenance staff, who have diligently cared for our research green, and the Leitner Company, supplier of various topdressing materials over the years. Many thanks for your help.

Another of our members has received national recognition for his fine work. Rod Johnson of Sheboygan Pine Hills Country Club was the driving force behind a \$10,000 donation by the Wisconsin GCSA to the GCSAA research project on pesticide use and superintendent mortality. This important study is exploring possible linkages between pesticide use and causes of death among golf course superintendents. These funds were raised by selling pesticide application notification signs to member clubs with profits earmarked for this project.

Look for Early Bird registration forms for our upcoming annual conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center in November. The Conference Committee, chaired by Bill Whitworth, has done a fine job of preparing an exciting program, and I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Congratulations to Pat and John Harris on the birth of their new 8-pound son, Christian. Just another welcome complication to John's harried life.

Upcoming events this month include the Walker Cup at Interlachen, the LPGA event at Edinburgh and our Annual Championship at the Links of Northfork. Sharpen up your golf games and register early!

—Greg Hubbard, CGCS
President

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