

Attendance Soars at 66th Annual Conference

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Program, Camaraderie, Atmosphere Enjoyed at Convention Center

Excellent attendance, an appealing program, obvious camaraderie and the pleasant atmosphere at the Minneapolis Convention Center added up to a particularly successful MGCSA Conference and Business Meeting November 17-19.

Attendance soared this year.

Total attendance was 350 on Wednesday, the opening day, compared with 262 last year.

On Thursday 445 persons were on hand, compared with 414 in 1992, and on Friday 330 were in attendance, compared to 299 a year ago. These Wednesday through Friday totals even topped the 317-405-319 figures two years ago.

A record number of exhibitor booths (82) also was well-received, and favorable comments were made about the "more spacious exhibit area."

The balance between program and the time to socialize and visit vendor booths provided an uplifting environment.

New officers elected at the business meeting were:

Joe Moris, Tartan Park Golf Course, Lake Elmo, president;

Kevin Clunis, Stillwater Country Club, Stillwater, vice-president;

Dale Wysocki, Faribault Golf & Country Club, Faribault, treasurer.

Jim Gardner, Rochester Golf & Country Club, remains secretary, while outgoing president **Greg Hubbard**, Manitou Ridge Golf Course, White Bear Lake, became an ex-officio member of the MGCSA Board.

New directors elected were:

William S. Cox, Tianna Country Club, Walker;

Thomas Johnson, New Richmond Golf Club, New Richmond, Wis.;

Monty Montague, National Mower/Turfco Mfg., Inc., Blaine;

Norma M. O'Leary, Silver Bay Country Club, Silver Bay. Continuing on the Board are:

Tim Commers, Cushman Motor Company, Inc., Minneapolis;

Cary Femrite, Pebble Creek Golf Course, Becker;

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

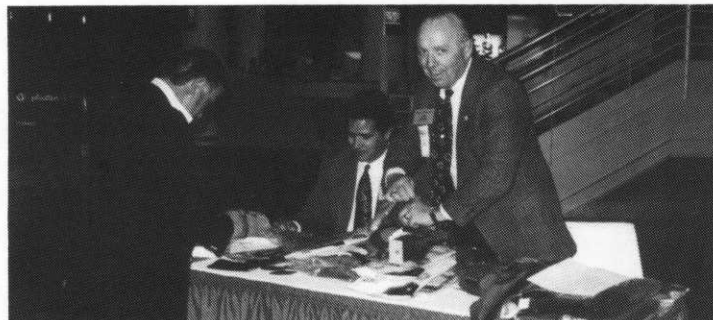
Richard Grundstrom, Indian Hills Golf Club, Stillwater;

Tom Kientzle, Grand View Lodge, Nisswa.

Leaving the board and praised for their service were:

Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, ex-officio Board member, and directors Steve Garske, Par Aide Products Company, St. Paul; John Harris, Lafayette Club, Minnetonka Beach, and Bill Whitworth, Northfield Golf Club, Northfield.

Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented, one post-humously. Honored for their contributions to the MGCSA and the turf industry were:



ELM CREEK'S Michael Klatte, left, looks over MGCSA merchandise while Monty Montague, sitting, and Joe Moris try to close the deal.

Howard E. Kaerwer, Eden Prairie, a nationally recognized turf agronomist, who passed away on November 10, one week before he was to receive his award. Larry Vetter accepted Mr. Kaerwer's award in behalf of his family. **Kurt Erdman**, Rochester past MGCSA president and superintendent at Rochester Golf and Country Club for many years.

Scholarship awards went to Daniel W. Augdahl, University of Minnesota; Brian P. Driste, Penn State University; Janelle K. Lord, Riverland Tech, Rochester; Michael R. Lund, Anoka Tech, and Brian Netz, University of Minnesota.

The Dr. James Watson Journalism Award was presented to Dale Wysocki, Faribault Golf & Country Club.

Service Awards were given to Bill Johnson, Edina Country Club, (30 years) and Richard Grundstrom, Indian Hills Golf Club, Stillwater (25 years).

67th Annual MGCSA Conference Set December 7-9, 1994 At Minneapolis Convention Center

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Conference Survey Results Coming

Dates for the 67th annual MGCSA Conference and Business Meeting are December 7-8-9, 1994.

This session and trade show again will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center, which was attended by huge crowds. (See accompanying story on this page.)

Surveys distributed at the November meeting now are being processed. Results will be published in the next issue of *Hole Notes*.

The MGCSA wishes to thank the Conference Committee, the superintendents who served as session chairpersons, the speakers, the vendors who exhibited and, of course, everyone else who participated. It all added up to a successful event.