

AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

1995 MTGF Conference & Show Was a Huge Success

Total Attendance was 1273 — Booths Reach Record Number of 235

By Scott Turtinen

Executive Director

The 1995 MTGF Conference and Show held at the Minneapolis Convention Center December 6-8 made positive strides in its second year.

As newly-elected MGCSA President James Gardner, CGCS said, "It was an outstanding educational conference and the Trade Show looked like a Mini-National Conference.

Excellent attendance, a superb program and the pleasant atmosphere at the Convention Center added up to a successful conference.

A record number of 235 exhibitor booths was well-received. Next year the conference committee hopes to have 300 booths. This was the first year the exhibits were in the domed exhibit hall.

Breakdown of the members attending for the nine associations involved was:

Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association (MGCSA), 460;

Minnesota Park Superintendents' Association (MPSA), 67;

Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association (MSTMA), 38;

Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA), 32;

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture (MSA), 28;

Minnesota Association of School Maintenance Supervisors (MASMS), 15;

Minnesota Turf Association (MTA), 8;

Minnesota Association of Cemeteries (MAC), 4;

Northern Minnesota Forage and Turf Seed Advisory Committee (NMFTSAC), 0.

In addition, there were 246 persons with no association affiliation at the show.

New MGCSA officers elected at the association's annual meeting were:

James Gardner, CGCS, Rochester Country Club, president;

Fred Taylor, Mankato Golf Club, vice-president;

Tom Johnson, New Richmond Golf Club, treasurer.

John Granholt, Eau Claire Country Club, remains as secretary;

Kevin Clunis, St. Croix National, outgoing president, remains on the board as an ex-officio member.

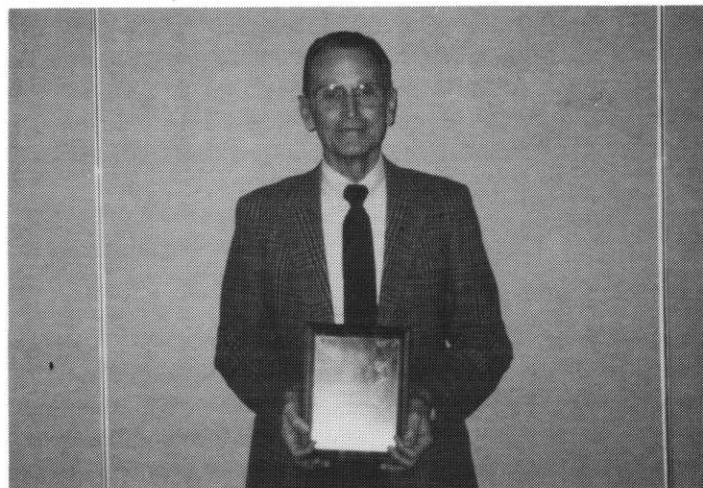
New directors elected were:

Jeff Backstrom, Cannon Golf Club;

Leif Erickson, O.M. Scotts Company;

Robert Panuska, Waseca Lakeside Club;

Tom Parent, River Oaks Municipal Golf Course;



ED ZYLKA was presented the 1995 Distinguished Service Award from the MGCSA.

Dave Sime, Benson Golf Club;

Directors completing their terms were Tom Kientzle, The Pines at Grand View Lodge; Bill Cox, Tianna Country Club, and Monty Montague, National Mower. All were complimented for their service.

Remaining on the board are Butch Greeninger, MTI Distributing Co., Dick Grundstrom, Indian Hills Golf Club; Charlie Pooch, Les Bolstad University of Minnesota Golf Course, and Pat Walton, Rolling Green Country Club.

Service plaques were awarded to:

Dan Stangl, Pierz Municipal Golf Club (25 years); George Jennrich, Centerbrook Golf Club (25 years); David Zimmer, Chisago Lakes Golf Estates (25 years); John Sniker, Cushman Motor Co. (25 years), and Don Herfort, Don Herfort, Inc. (30 years).

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Ed Zylka, MTI Distributing Co.

The Watson Award went to Jack Kolb for his journalistic efforts for *Hole Notes*.

Three new Honorary members of the MGCSA also were elected. They were Dr. Michael Martin, University of Minnesota; Dr. Gary Gardner, University of Minnesota, and Dr. Phil Larson, University of Minnesota.

Scholarship honorees were James Holden, Chris Smith and James Temple.

The goal of this combined turf conference was to establish continuity among related fields, educate, share problems and support with increased members.

The cross-section of speakers had useful take-home information for all of the allied associations.



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