

Minneapolis Welcomes Allied Turf Associations

The second annual conference of the Minnesota Turf & Grounds Foundation was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Dec. 6-8. The increase in attendance over 1994 from most all the allied associations demonstrates the strides the MTGF has made in two years. It also demonstrates the dedication we all have as professional turf managers in furthering our education.

This year there were 753 that pre-registered, 145 on-site registrants, 375 vendors and 235 booths at the trade show. Those numbers indicate about a 25% increase over 1994. Of the 753 that pre-registered, 460 were members of the MGCSA.

There were a lot of new faces in the seminars and the trade show. The conference included general sessions each morning and a grand total of 51 topics to choose from during the concurrent sessions over the three days. The expanded trade show gave people the opportunity to see the latest



Tim Penny talks about Common Cents for the Common Good.

in equipment, new technology and accessories for the turf industry. By any standards this was an excellent trade show.

The morning general sessions included some fine speakers. How many know what the United States Global Biodiversity Assessment is? If you listened to Dr. Michael Coffman Thursday morning you certainly didn't leave feeling neutral about Biocentrism or Biological Diversity.

Former Congressman Tim Penny gave us ideas on what to look for in a candidate and then how to get your point across to your representatives. The list goes on, but it was difficult to get to all the concurrent sessions you wanted, which indicates a very good conference.

For those who couldn't make the conference, you missed a great educational experience. Make it a goal for 1996 to attend this growing annual event.

— Tom Johnson



Dr. Michael Coffman, author of "Saviors of the Earth."



Charlie Pooch, Joe Moris and Dick Grundstrom spend some time at the Association's booth.



Dr. Noel Jackson prepares for his talk on Fungicides.