

An Opinion...

Dear Board of Directors:

In the June '95 issue of *Hole Notes* it was mentioned that the scholarship committee has been looking at the possibility of a legacy scholarship. Though I feel that the idea has been moving forward with good intentions, I do not think it is something the MGCSA should fund, sponsor or administer. Competition for the scholarship could create some hard feelings and bitterness within the membership. If a company or organization outside MGCSA would want to fund and administer this type of scholarship, like Scotts does for GCSAA, it may be worthwhile to pursue. At Baker I solicit a donation from the Men's Club to the Scholarship and Research Fund, telling them that the money is used for turf-related projects which will provide long-term benefits to the golfing community. I don't think this money should be used for a general scholarship.

Our scholarship program has been very successful in the past but it might be time to rethink how the program relates to the objectives of our organization. Developing highly qualified individuals and sending them out into a saturated marketplace doesn't make sense to me.

These are just my opinions but I feel very strongly that these issues should be thoroughly discussed amongst the membership before any action is taken.

Sincerely,

Keith Greeninger
Golf Course Superintendent
Baker National Golf Course

President's Reply...

Dear Keith:

Thank you for your letter with concerns regarding the MGCSA Scholarship Program. Feedback from the membership is very important on issues that affect the association. Input from communications like this helps the Board of Directors on decision making on various issues.

In regards to the potential Legacy Award, which is a scholarship for sons and daughters of MGCSA members, the Board is still discussing all concerns on this new endeavor. We will not initiate the award until the Scholarship Committee has made its final recommendations. The Board does feel that this type of an award is a membership benefit and will follow through until a decision is made. Regarding your comments about our present saturated job market, I find that a benefit by being able to hire more qualified and trained staff.

The MGCSA does appreciate your soliciting funds for research contributions from your Men's Club. I would hope more superintendents would do the same. Remember, the MGCSA Scholarship is completely and totally independent from the MGCSA Research, so that the funds you solicit are put wholly into the research account.

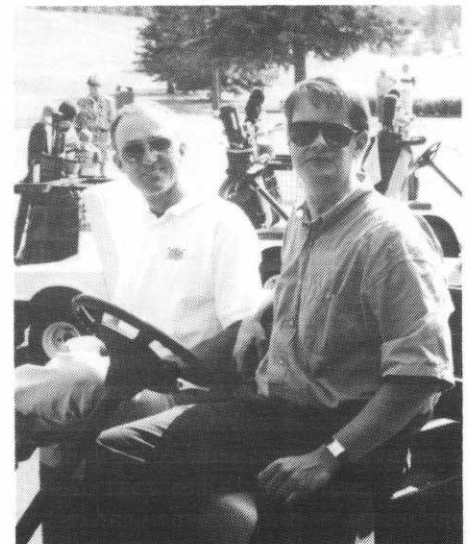
If you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to contact me or any other board members.

Sincerely,

Kevin Clunis, CGCS
President, MGCSA

1995 MGCSA MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| July 10 | Indian Hills G.C. & Stillwater C.C.
Host Superintendents - Dick Grundstrom
and Marlin Murphy - (<i>Garske Scramble</i>) |
| August 14 | Baker National Golf Course
Host Superintendent - Keith Greeninger
(<i>MGCSA Amateur Championship</i>) |
| Sept. 11 | Minikahda Club & Town & Country Club
Host Superintendents - Douglas Mahal and Bill Larson
(<i>Stodola Scramble</i>) |
| October 9 | Chisago Lakes Golf Estates
Host Superintendent - David Zimmer |
| Dec. 6, 7 & 8 | MTGF/MGCSA Conference and Trade Show
Minneapolis Convention Center |



Host Superintendent Tom Johanns, Bemidji T&CC, gives Dave Caldwell, Minneapolis Golf Club, a tour of the course.