

# Beautiful Day at Bemidji T&CC For MGCSA's First Mixer

By Scott Turtinen  
Executive Director

June's MGCSA membership meeting at Bemidji Town & Country Club finally brought some much-anticipated summer weather. A calm, 80°, clear-blue-sky day and Host Superintendent Tom Johanns greeted more than 80 members of the association on Monday, June 12.

Johanns had his greens smooth, true and with an Executive Director stimpmeter reading of 8.5. The course was firm due to a lack of rain in the area which made it play tournament tough.

The mixer team of Scott Hoffman, Madden's on Gull; Pat Sullivan, Bemidji T&CC; Steve Shumansky, Perham Lakeside, and Tom Little, Minnesota Golf Cars, won the first MGCSA mixer of the year. They were 17-under par in a Best 2-Ball Net event.

Runner-up honors went to Tom McCann, Turf Supply; Butch Greeninger, MTI; Brad Klein, Detroit CC, and Benson Golf Club's Dave Sime, who shot 16-under.

The Pines' Tom Kientzle chipped in on the 12th hole to help settle a scorecard playoff for third place. Other members of Tom's foursome were Dave Krupp of Precision Turf, Spooner Golf Club's Mark Paffel and MGCSA Executive Director Scott Turtinen.

The fourth place team consisted of Daryl Scheerhoorn, PBI/Gordon; Par Aide's Steve Garske; Mark Hartle of Achitectoral Consultants and Kevin Rue of The Pines at Grand View Lodge.

The mixer format has a few wrinkles to iron out but overall was a smashing success. People were able to play with new faces and a great time was had by all.

We will have a few guidelines to follow at our next mixer at Chisago Lakes on October 9.

It would be nice to be able to have the pairings done ahead of time but things happen. Not everyone who signs up for the monthly meeting can always make it. To alleviate this matter we must make the pairings as people check in at the registration table.

Each mixer team consist of an "A" player (0-9 handicap); a "B" player (10-15); a "C" player (16-25) and a "D" player whose handicap is 26 or higher.

Slotting the players will happen shortly after arrival and at least 20 minutes before the shotgun. Players who arrive after the pairings have been made may still play but will not be entered in the mixer.

Teams should know the handicaps of each member of their foursome and turn scorecards in with a team score. The event will be a Best 2-Ball Net meaning that you take your best two scores (with handicap) for each hole.

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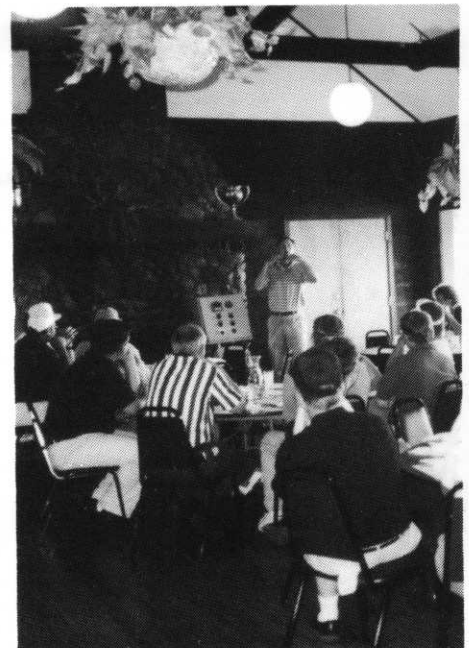
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**Tim O'Connor, P&H Warehouse,** was the lunch time speaker at Bemidji T&CC. Tim spoke about variable frequency pumps.

## **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.

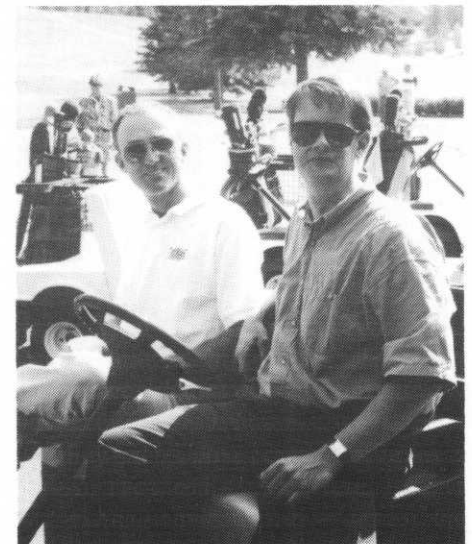
If you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to contact me or any other board members.

Sincerely,

Kevin Clunis, CGCS  
President, MGCSA

## **1995 MGCSA MONTHLY MEETINGS**

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



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