

# MGCSA Participates in the 1995 Great Minnesota Golf Show

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The Great Minnesota Golf Show, held March 17-19 at the Metrodome, featured a wide-range of displays and activities for golfers anticipating the season. Offering a chance to swing a club or stroke a putt, the MGCSA was one of 130 exhibitors at the golf show.

Our display offered information on a variety of MGCSA activities. Included were membership applications, scholarship information and information on the Turf Tourney. Handouts were available on golf courses and the environment, and minimizing exposure to pesticides.

The hot item for golfers visiting the MGCSA booth was the ball mark repair tool, displaying the MGCSA logo. We ran out of them after the second day. . . .again!

An issue of concern was raised by a visitor to the MGCSA booth regarding golf course pesticide use, and the possible relationship to breast cancer.

This was referred to Cora Jane Blanchard of the USGA. She is currently gathering research information regarding this issue. We will get the facts out as soon as possible.

A thank you goes out to MTI for providing a TV/VCR for displaying the video library at the show. Also, to Mike Kelly of Rehbein Farms for providing sod to demonstrate ball mark repair techniques. A special thanks to Steve Hamelau, Alexandria Country Club, who kept a captive audience with his expert method of ball mark repairing. Thank you to all who volunteered their time at the booth as representatives of the MGCSA.

The Great Minnesota Golf Show is a great opportunity to promote our association. It promotes the positive aspects of our courses, and the positive image of the people who take care of them.

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