



'96 MTGF Conference and Show Reach Record Numbers

The 1996 MTGF Conference and Show held at the Minneapolis Convention Center December 11-13 continued to grow in its third year.

Newly-elected MGCSA President Fred Taylor said, "Once again the conference and show have surpassed expectations and it shows what the cooperative effort of all association can do."

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

A record number of 123 exhibitor companies, which equated to 269 booths, was well-received. Next year the Conference Committee hopes to have 300 booths. This was the second year the exhibits were in the domed exhibit hall.

Breakdown of the members attending from the nine associations involved was: MGCSA, 567; MPSA, 175; MNLA, 133; MSA, 82; MSTMA, 60; MASMS, 49; MTA, 17; MAC, 5; NMFTSAC, 0. In addition, there were 26 persons from other associations not currently members of the MTGF. This gives a total attendance of 1,114. There were 385 vendors working the exhibit booths for a grand total of 1,499.

New MGCSA officers elected at the association's annual meeting were Fred Taylor, Mankato Golf Club, president, and Jim Nicol, CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club, vice-president. Tom Johnson, New Richmond Golf Club, remains as treasurer and James Gardner, CGCS, The Wilds Golf Club, outgoing president, remains on the board as an ex-officio member.

Attendance for the MGCSA's Annual Meeting was 125 voting members and a 150 total.

New directors elected were Bob Distel, Wayzata Country Club; Steve Shumansky, Perham Lakeside Country Club; John Queensland, Cedar River Country Club, and Steve Young, Plaisted Companies, Inc. Directors completing their terms were Butch Greeninger, MTI Distributing Co.; Dick Grundstrom, Indian Hills



Newly-elected President Fred Taylor, left, accepts the Gavel from out-going President James Gardner.

Golf Club; Charlie Pooch, Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course, and John Granholt, Eau Claire Country Club.

Service Plaques were awarded to Jerry Murphy, Somerset Country Club (35 years); Roger Kisch, Southview Country Club (30 years); Orland Maenke,
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Olympic Hills Golf Club (30 years); Joe Moris, Tartan Park (30 years); Larry Vetter, Turf Management (30 years); Douglas Dieter, Fox Hollow Golf Club (25 years); Mike Roach, Eau Claire Country Club (25 years); Arnold Bodhaine, Dwan Golf & Hyland Greens Golf (25 years); Jim Bartels, Eastwood Golf Course (25 years), and James Brooks, Riverside Town & Country Club (25 years).

Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Boots Fuller, Mankato Golf Club, and Randy Nelson, Hidden Greens Golf Club.

The Watson Award went to Leif Erickson for his journalistic efforts for *Hole Notes*. Scholarship honorees were Andrew Larsen, Ann Paulisich, Reid Paulson and Shannon Schornack.

— Scott Turtinen
Executive Director



CRAIG SCHREINER, golf course architect, gave three talks at the MTGF Conference.

GCSAA Caucus

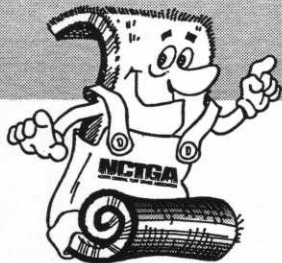
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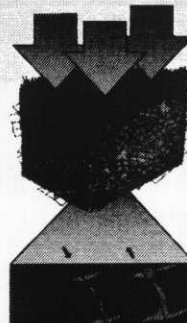
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