

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Conference Committee

The 1996 MTGF Conference Committee has been hard at work making the necessary arrangements and lining up the best speakers available to make sure the third annual MTGF Conference is a success.

Your MGCSA representation on this committee includes Jim Nicol, Mary Burg, Mike Kelly, Dave Solga, Patty Knaggs, Leif Erickson and Pat Walton.

The Board of Directors of the MTGF has set a goal of profiting \$50,000 from the conference while increasing the quality.

The MTGF Board of Directors is hoping to see a substantial increase in attendance from the allied association's other than the MGCSA. The registration fee for the conference shall not be increased from last year. In order for the MTGF conference to be a success, it is essential that the MGCSA play a major role in serving on the MTGF Conference committee.

If you should have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the conference, feel free to call any of the committee members listed above.

—Pat Walton
*Rolling Green C.C.
Conference Co-Chairman*

Scholarship Committee

This is a reminder that Legacy Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of any Class AA, A, B, C, D, Associate and Affiliate members that have been in the association at least five years. The children/grandchildren must be high school seniors or graduates under 23 years of age who plan to enroll or are already enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

One Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 and three Legacy scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be granted to children/grandchildren that meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship. The Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship will be renewable for one year contingent upon full-time enrollment and satisfactory academic performance. This is a change from what was printed in the March-April issue of *Hole Notes*. The other three are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements. These awards are for undergraduate study only.

We are also offering two \$1,000 scholarships to students in turf-related classes as we have done in the past. These candidates must be beginning or have completed their first year in a two-year turfgrass technical program or have completed their second or third year of a four-year program with major emphasis in turf management.

Candidates must be residents of Minnesota or be employed by a MGCSA member superintendent. Students will be eligible to apply for both the turf scholarships and the legacy scholarships, but will only be able to receive one.

Qualified students may apply for either of the scholarships by calling or writing the MGCSA office and requesting the proper application. Applicants for legacy awards will have until June 1 to return application forms to Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., while applicants for turf scholarships will have until July 1 to return applications to the MGCSA business office.

—Charlie Pooch
*U of M Les Bolstad G.C.
Scholarship Chairman*

Public Relations Committee

As we move into the summer of '96 we all have expectations about our courses and how they should look and play during the season. Our members also have expectations and most of us would admit that the two do not always agree.

The following reprint from the March/April issue of the USGA Green Section entitled "Great Expectations" gives us a golfer's view of at least the top 10. Even though this was a survey done in the Pacific Northwest, I think the "Top 10" could apply across the country and to each of our courses. The bottom line however is simple: we as superintendents need to do a better job of communication with our members so that those expectations may be more realistic and better understood by all involved. Thanks to the USGA Green Section for permission to reprint this article below.

—Rob Panuska
*Waseca Lakeside Club
Public Relations Chairman*

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

*The Top 10 Results of a Survey of What
Playing Conditions Golfers Prefer*

By Larry Gilhuly

Psst! Superintendents! Want to start a lively discussion with a group of golfers? Ask this one: "What expectations do you have regarding the playing conditions, maintenance and overall atmosphere of a golf course (home or away) when you play?" In the time it takes to line up a one-inch putt, the answers will fly.

This same question was asked of a cross-section of members of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and Washing-

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