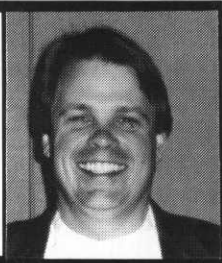


MGCSA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

By Patrick A. Walton, CGCS
MGCSA Secretary



The MGCSA Board of Director's met on March 10 following the excellent March Mini-Seminar. Treasurer Tom Johnson is actively researching options on investments for our Association's Research Trust Fund. Tom has researched a number of options and made the recommendation that we continue to invest in Certificates of Deposit.

After discussion, the Board of Directors agreed with Treasurer Johnson and we will continue to invest in C.D.'s under the Treasurer's guidance. Following the Treasurer's Report, there was a discussion on the activities of the Minnesota Turf & Grounds Foundation. The Board decided to review the actions and accomplishments again at the September Board Meeting. It was the feeling of the Board that this is really the first year the MTGF has had any funds available to them, and let's wait and see what they accomplish.

Hole Notes Editor Rob Panuska reported, as always, articles are needed for the magazine.

Dave Sime, Arrangements Chairman, is working hard to find meeting sites for 1997. April, May and October meetings are going to be non-golfing events stressing education, while our June, July, August and September meetings will follow their current format.

Tom Parent and Steve Young are focusing their attention on the MTGF Annual Conference. Any input you have on speakers or topics would be greatly appreciated.

Research Chairman Jim Nicol reported that the Research Committee will be having its first meeting April 1. Jim Nicol also reported that unfortunately Dr. Phil Larson can not continue the research that the MGCSA funded last year.

The Environmental Committee held its second meeting of the year last month and is looking into updating the MGCSA Environmental Handbook.

The Scholarship Committee, headed by Chairman John Queensland, met on February 28 at Midland Hills. The committee is working on continuing the Legacy Scholarships that were created last year and also the possibility of funding for Turf Scholarships from the Minnesota Turf & Grounds Foundation.

MTGF UPDATE

The Board of Directors of the MTGF met on February 19, 1997. The main concern among the director's was the lack of input from the allied associations regarding topics of interest and possible speakers for the Annual MTGF Conference & Trade Show in December. If any of you have a particular topic or speaker you would like to hear, please contact Steve Young or Tom Parent as soon as possible. It

may seem like December is a long way away but it is very important that speaker contacts are made as far in advance as possible.

The MTGF Board of Directors is also working hard on promoting the Annual MTGF Expo, which will be held August 6-7 at the Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights. Personally, I am still looking for volunteers to serve on the recently formed MTGF Research and Outreach and Scholarship Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please give me a call at 612/478-2179.

The MGA recently held a reception on February 4th at the Lexington Restaurant in St. Paul regarding the Rosemount Project. The reception was attended by many MGCSA and MTGF representatives. The MGA is currently in the active fundraising stage of the project. They are currently trying to gain support (cash) for the project from the Minnesota Amateur Athletic Fund.

Sincerely,
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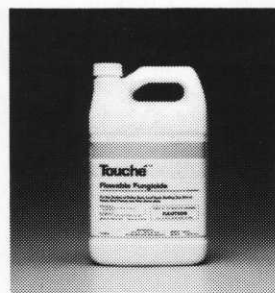
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