



AT 70TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Jim Nicol, CGCS Elected President

Jim Nicol, CGCS, head golf course superintendent at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, is the new president of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

Nicol, who was vice-president last year and previously served as treasurer, was elected at the association's 70th business meeting held on December 10 during the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Other officers elected were:

Thomas Fischer, CGCS, Edinburgh USA, Brooklyn Park, vice-president;

Rob Panuska, Waseca Lakeside Club, Waseca, treasurer.

Pat Walton, CGCS, Rolling Green Country Club, Hamel, remains as secretary and **Fred Taylor**, Mankato Golf Club, Mankato, the outgoing president, remains on the Board as an ex-officio member.

New directors elected were:

Michael Brower, Hillcrest Country Club, St. Paul;

E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS, Heritage Links Golf Club, Lakeville;

James Johnson, CGCS, Rich Spring Golf Club, Cold Spring;

Michael Klatte, CGCS, Elm Creek Golf Links of Plymouth,

Jeff Churchill, North Star Turf Supply, St. Paul.



Outgoing President Fred Taylor, right, hands over the gavel to new MGCSA President Jim Nicol, CGCS at the 70th Annual Meeting.

Directors completing their terms were:

Jeff Backstrom, Cannon Golf Club, Cannon Falls;

Leif Erickson, Scotts Company, Austin;

Tom Johnson, New Richmond Golf Club, New Richmond, Wis.;

James Gardner, CGCS, The

Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake;
Dave Sime, Benson Golf Club, Benson.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Eleven members also were honored with service plaques at the MGCSA's annual Awards Luncheon on Decem-

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Jim Nicol Heads New MGCSA Board of Directors—

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ber 11. They were:

Gerald Commers, Cushman Motor Co., Minneapolis and **Ron Fabian**, Winona Country Club, 45 years;

James Lindblad, Desert Island Country Club, Rancho Mirage, Calif., and **Glenn Rasmussen**, MTI Distributing Co., Plymouth, 35 years;

Ron Bloom, Fairways, Inc., Miltona, 30 years;

Johnny Helget, New Ulm Country Club; **Donovan Lindblad**, Greenscape, Ltd., Palo Alto, Calif.; **Cliff Reynolds**, Zumbrota Golf Course; **Ron Steffenhagen**, Orono Golf Course; **Steve Young**, Plaisted Companies, Elk River, and **Dennis Hendrickson**, Cushman Motor Co., Minneapolis, 25 years.

Bill Johnson, Honkers Away, Plymouth, was presented the association's Distinguished Service Award.

Receiving the Watson Award was **Greg Hubbard**, Manitou Ridge Golf Course, White Bear Lake, for his journalistic efforts for Hole Notes.

Scholarship honorees were **Jeffrey Bushlack**, University of Minnesota;



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Arik Hemquist, Anoka-Hennepin Vocational School; **Jeffrey Ische**, Penn State University, and **Chad Wilson**, Iowa State University.

The next MGCSA meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, at Woodhill Country Club in Orono.

At the Awards Luncheon, Tom Garrett, Mendota Heights, and Hank

Wilkinson, St. Louis Park, two Minnesota directors of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, presented a \$2,500 check from the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund for scholarships for the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

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THE MGCSA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THE 1998 MINNESOTA GOLF SHOW

- Yes**, I will be able to work a 2-hour shift at the MGCSA booth at the Great Minnesota Golf Show on:
- Thursday, January 19 (move-in day)** Time to be announced.
 - Friday, January 20** 1-3 p.m. 3-5 p.m. 5-7 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
 - Saturday, January 21** .. 9-11 a.m. 11-1 p.m. 1-3 p.m. 3-5 p.m. 5-7 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
 - Sunday, January 22** 10-12 p.m. 12-2 p.m. 2-4 p.m. 4-6 p.m.

Name: _____ Course: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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