

Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Contributes \$2,500 For Scholarships To MGCSA

Developing funds through a variety of projects, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association via its Turf Scholarship Fund presented a \$2,500 check to be used for scholarships by the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association at the annual Awards Luncheon on December 11 at the Minneapolis Convention Center

Presenting the grant to Jim Nicol, CGCS, president of the MGCSA, and John Queensland, scholarship committee chairman, were Tom Garrett, Mendota Heights, and Hank Wilkinson, St. Louis Park, both Trans-Miss directors. Garrett is a member of Somerset Country Club and Wilkinson of The Minikahda Club, where two fundraisers were held during the past year.

At Minikahda Golf Club in Minneapolis, the first annual Charlie Erickson Memorial Scramble raised \$350 on September 19. Named in the memory of Minikahda's first golf course superintendent, the four-person scramble, much like a similar event held at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. on Memorial Day, matched Minikahda members with grounds staff employees.

"Fourteen members and 18 staffers competed," said Wilkinson. "This event was an excellent opportunity for the staff and several members to meet each other, raise funds for a good cause and enjoy an afternoon of golfing. We already are looking forward to next year's event with hopes of having an even greater turnout and raising more money."

The late Mr. Erickson was Minikahda's superintendent from 1900-1942. He was an active member of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association and was known as an innovator and leader in the industry.

Twenty-five dollars was donated by each member for the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund/Minnesota Project which will grant scholarships to young men and women pursuing careers in the turf industry.

Following the tournament everyone enjoyed a cookout at Minikahda's maintenance facility.

At Somerset Country Club in St. Paul, 28 golfers played in the second annual Somerset Invitational which also pursued an enjoyable format while raising funds for the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund/Minnesota Project.

This 36-hole, foursomes event had teams each playing their morning and afternoon rounds in approximately two and one-half hours in nippy but nice mid-October sunshine. There had been possibilities of snow forecast all week, and cooler and wetter weather did come the following week — but it indeed was enjoyable on "The Day of the Game."

Winning the Walker Cup-style competition scored in a Stableford format was the twosome of Bob Tickle and Rich Anderson of Interlachen with their 31-34—65, two strokes ahead of Tom Garrett and Bob Bonine of Somerset, who shot 34-29—63.

Following the tradition established last year, all entrants were treated to a "Scottish-style" luncheon which featured pork, walleyed pike, mashed potatoes with rutabagas (known as Clapshot in Scotland), herring, smoked salmon and creme brulee.

About two months before the competition, invitations are circulated to a variety of Twin Cities area golfers age 40 or more. Somerset contributes the use of its course.

The Minnesota Project involves Minnesota directors of the Trans working with the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association to raise scholarship funds.

Earlier in the year a special member-grounds crew event was held at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska. Fourteen members of Course Superintendent Jim Nicol's staff played with a like number of Hazeltine members on Memorial Day in a special scramble. Arranged by Tim Andersen and Mark Polich, the event raised \$675.

Founded in 1900, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is one of the oldest golf organizations in the United States and one of the first golf organizations to recognize the necessity to educate qualified young men and women in golf course management and turf research, the Trans has sponsored its Turf Scholarship Program since 1962.

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