

# 1,444 Attend MTGF's Fourth Conference

The Minnesota Turf and Grounds Conference welcomed 1,444 attendees to its fourth annual gathering December 10-12 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

During its third year in the dome at the Convention Center, the Trade Show set a record of 275 booths.

Following is a breakdown of the 1,313 members who attended the conference from the nine associations which make up conference:

Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association (MGCSA), 586;

Minnesota Parks Supervisors Association (MPSA), 159;

Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA), 148;

Minnesota Association of School Maintenance Supervisors (MASMS), 78;

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture (MSA), 73;

Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association (MSTMA), 42;

Minnesota Turf Association (MTA), 21;

Minnesota Association of Cemeteries (MAC), 6.

Northern Minnesota Forage and Turf Seed Advisory Committee (NMFTSAC), 0.

There were 331 vendors working the exhibit booths for a grand total of 1,444.



**NEW NEIGHBORS**, Richard Meyer, assistant superintendent at the new Spring Hill Golf Club in Orono chats with Wayzata Country Club superintendent Bob Distel at the conference.

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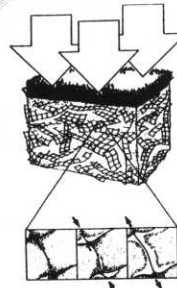
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