

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Please allow me to introduce myself as your new editor. My name is Rob Panuska and I am the superintendent at Waseca Lakeside Club in Waseca, Minn. I have been superintendent at Lakeside for the past six years and was assistant prior to that. I graduated from the University of Minnesota - Waseca in 1989 with a major in Turf & Grounds Management. That was back when the university still had a two-year campus in Waseca. As many of you know, the university closed it in 1992. The former campus was sold for \$1.00 to the Federal Bureau of Prisons and will eventually house 1,100 minimum security inmates. Why do I tell you this?? Well, just so you are aware that when someone applies for a job at your course and they say that they are a graduate of the University of Minnesota - Waseca, you REALLY NEED to check when they were there!!! Enough on that, as for my family, Sherry and I have been married for 17 years and we have a daughter Brittania, age 11 and a son Ryan, age 5. We live in the country west of New Richland, which is just south of Waseca.

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I NEED YOUR INPUT!!! This is your newsletter, so please let me know if there are special topics you would like to see. Better yet, why not take the time before we all get busy and write an article for publication. Don't worry if you don't think it will sound right; get your ideas down on paper just like you were talking to a good friend. Send it to me and I will read it, fine tune it if needed, then send it back for your approval before it goes to print. I'm told that is what editors do! Need ideas to write about? How about a special project at your course, maybe planning a new maintenance facility or wash station or pesticide storage? Or what about course signage, golfer communication or cart control techniques? The ideas are only limited by your own experiences, so please give it some thought and call me with your ideas!

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DOUG MAHAL, CGCS AND STEVE SCHUMACHER were both honored during the government and environmental general session held during the national convention. Doug received a merit award for environmental stewardship and Steve was recognized as regional winner of the environmental stewardship awards program. Sounds like a couple of great ideas for articles in *Hole Notes*, guys!! Congratulations to you both!

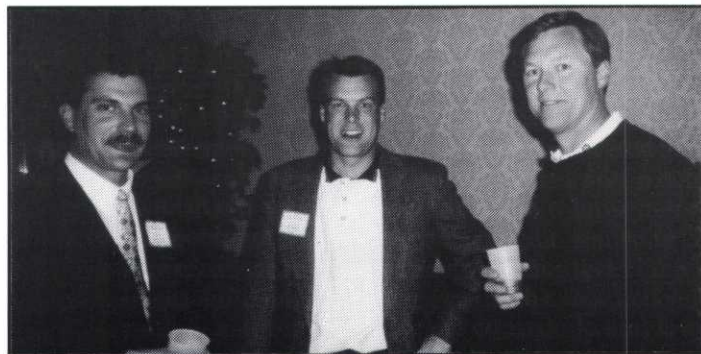
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MTGF - WHERE DO WE STAND??? Please take the time to read Fred Taylor's article regarding the Minnesota

Turf and Grounds Foundation. It is your responsibility as a member of the MGCSA to take the first step and get facts so that you can be informed about this and other issues. The Board needs and wants to hear from you. The members are listed inside the front cover of every issue of *Hole Notes*, so give one of them a call or write a letter!!

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FINALLY, just a note about publication deadlines for *Hole Notes*. If you wish to submit articles please have them to me for review no later than the 10th of the month preceding publication. THANKS!



Hospitality Night organizer Steve Garske, Par Aide Products, right, with Dean Chaltas, MTI, left and Dave Simeon, Edina CC.



John Wiley, Don Belkingren and Mike Welfring from Turf Supply took time to visit with Mark Poppitz, Island View, and Keith Scott, Oak Ridge.

PHOTOS BY ROB PANUSKA

207 Attend MGCSA Social "On Top of the Riv" In Las Vegas in February

A tradition continued for MGCSA members and guests during the national convention held last month in Las Vegas. For several years the affiliate members, who are the vendor members of our association, have co-sponsored a social gathering at the national convention. This year was no exception with the event being held on the top floor of the Riviera Hotel "on the strip" in Las Vegas.

This year's event was organized by Steve Garske of Par Aide Products. Kudos to you Steve for a job well done and our affiliate members for your support; everyone I visited with had a great evening meeting and visiting with friends new and old. Watch for pictures from the event throughout this issue.