

MGCSA BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

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The 1998-99 MGCSA Directory will be printed in July. It is being printed later this year to better coincide with membership dues. Since we have sent out 49 job openings through March, we will be able to have a more updated and accurate roster. Please inform us at the business office if your address changes before July.

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1998-99 Dues Statements will be mailed in early May. They will be due on June 1, 1998. Research Donation Forms, usually sent along with dues statements, will be mailed in August.

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The 1998 Turf Tourney takes place the week of June 8-12. Money generated from this event goes into the MGCSA Research Fund. Over the years this money has funded many timely research projects which directly benefit all golf courses. The Research Fund also insures that specific problems are researched, and the Research Trust Fund that continues to grow will guarantee continued dollars into the future.

We have 16 courses and clubs participating this year. They are:

- Braemar Golf Course
- Dellwood Hills Country Club
- Edina Country Club
- Edinburgh USA
- Golden Valley Country Club
- Hillcrest Country Club
- Izaty's Golf & Yacht Club
- Mankato Golf Club
- Midland Hills Country Club
- North Oaks Golf Club
- Northland Country Club
- Southview Country Club
- Stillwater Country Club
- The Pines at Grand View Lodge
- Wayzata Country Club
- Woodhill Country Club

Please encourage your members to participate in this important research fundraiser for the MGCSA. Cost will be \$80 per person which includes green fee, cart, research donation and a tee prize. If you need entry forms, call the business office at (612) 473-0557 or toll free at 1-800-642-7227.

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If you are planning to send out a job opening, remember that you need to state the salary or wage. Also, the club

must pay membership dues to the MGCSA and GCSAA for Class A and B members who are hired. Clubs using the MGCSA job opening service also must be willing to pay expenses for educational seminars throughout the year.

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Thanks go out to our MGCSA Affiliate members for taking out 22 pages of advertising in this month's *Hole Notes* which created a 44-page April issue. Our affiliate members play a tremendous role in the strength of our association. Please support these vendors who generously support our association.

PROPOSED FOR BLAINE

MGA Supports National Youth Golf Center

The Minnesota Golf Association has received inquiries regarding its position with respect to the National Youth Golf Center being proposed for Blaine by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.

The MGA supports the National Youth Golf Center because of its significant focus on junior golf. A resolution supporting the National Youth Golf Center was adopted by the MGA's Executive Committee in December 1997.

The mission of the MGA is to promote, preserve and foster the game of golf in the State of Minnesota. The promotion and expansion of junior golf is one of the MGA's core programs. The MGA believes the National Youth Golf Center will assist in furthering this goal.

Existing golf courses have done an excellent job of conducting and hosting junior golf programs, events and competitions. However, a facility such as the National Youth Golf Center is needed and will greatly enhance the opportunity to expand junior golf in the State of Minnesota. This facility would also allow the expansion of the type and number of junior golf events and competitions.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission has invited the MGA and the Minnesota Section of the PGA to assist in the design of the golf courses and practice facilities to assure they are consistent and appropriate for junior golf. The MASC has also invited the MGA and the Minnesota Section of the PGA to assist in the development and implementation of the junior golf programs, events and competition. The MGA and the Minnesota Section of the PGA have accepted this invite.

Applications For MGCSA Legacy Awards And MGCSA Scholarship Awards Are Available at the MGCSA Office

The MGCSA Legacy Awards offer educational aid to the children and grandchildren of Class AA, A, B, C, D and Affiliate MGCSA members who have been an active members. Questions regarding the scholarship program should be directed to the MGCSA Scholarship Committee at (612) 473-0557.