



AT THE 71ST ANNUAL MGCSA BUSINESS MEETING

Thomas Fischer, CGCS Elected President

Tom Fischer, CGCS, head golf course superintendent at Edinburgh USA in Brooklyn Park, is the new president of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

Fischer, who was vice-president last year and previously served as president in 1991, was elected at the association's 71st Business Meeting held on December 10 during the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Other officers elected were:

Patrick Walton, CGCS, Rolling Green Country Club, Hamel, vice-president;

Michael Brower, Hillcrest Country Club, St. Paul, secretary.

Rob Panuska, Waseca Lakeside Club, Waseca, remains as treasurer and **Jim Nicol**, CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, the outgoing president, remains on the Board as an ex-officio member.

New directors elected were:

Steve Shumansky, Perham Lakeside Country Club;

John Queensland, Cedar River Country Club;

Tom Meier, Worthington Country Club;

Bob Simondet, Lesco Company.

Directors completing terms were:



Tom Fischer, CGCS (left) accepts the gavel from ex-officio Jim Nicol, CGCS.

Bob Distel, Wayzata Country Club;
Steve Young, Plaisted Companies;
Fred Taylor, Mankato Golf Club.

Fischer made his first presidential action by appointing **Richard Fredericksen**, CGCS, Woodhill Country Club to the MGCSA Board, filling the open spot created by Michael Brower going to the office of Secretary. Rick served as president in 1992.

Awards

Five members also were honored

with Service Plaques at the MGCSA's Business Meeting. They were:

Dick Grundstrom, Indian Hills Golf Club, 30 years;

Michael Hemquist, Balmoral Golf Course; **Galen Sabelko**, Princeton Valley Golf Club; **Dale Caldwell**, CGCS, Minneapolis Golf Club, and **Mike Redmond**, The Scotts Company, 25 years.

Glenn Rasmussen, MTI Distributing Company, and **Dr. Ward Stienstra**, University of Minnesota, re-

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Great Stewards—

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al courses in Minnesota that have submitted environmental plans for their properties and are working toward full certification.

Nearly 2,500 courses across the country are now active members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System Program (the ACSSP). This number is growing each day, and I encourage every Superintendent to become involved with the program. It doesn't matter whether you're in the center of a metropolitan area or in the northwoods, there are im-

provements each of us can make to wildlife habitat on our golf courses and conservation practices and environmental planning that will have a positive impact on our properties. The ACSSP represents an opportunity for all golf course superintendents to promote positive, pro-active environmental achievements. Your members, your community, your staff, your image, wildlife, and the overall environment will all benefit. And let's not forget about Audubon and Grinnell, they started the movement that has benefited our generation. Golf course superintendents have the opportunity to continue the movement for future generations. Become a "great steward," embrace it wholeheartedly!

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ceived the association's Distinguished Service Award.

Fred Taylor, Mankato Golf Club, was presented the Watson Award for his journalistic efforts for *Hole Notes*.

Scholarship honorees were **Chad Wilson**, Utica, Minn. (Iowa State); **David Swift**, Sherburn, Minn. (Penn State); **Kristine Ramsey**, Peterson, Minn. (Iowa State), and **Mike Harrington**, Delafield, Wis. (University of Minnesota).

The Trans-Mississippi/MGCSA Award went to **Riley Kieffer**, Nisswa, Minn. (Michigan State).

The Joseph S. Garske Legacy honorees were **Lucas Mahal**, son of Doug Mahal, CGCS, and **Amy Mounts**, daughter of Peter Mounts.

The MGCSA Legacy Awards went to **John Redmond**, son of Mike Redmond and **Aaron Smith**, son of Mark Smith.

Tom Garrett, Mendota Heights, a Minnesota director of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, presented two checks totaling \$1,500 from the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund, Minnesota Project.

The next MGCSA meeting will be held on Monday January 11, at Izaty's Golf & Yacht Club. **Jim Lehman** will be the guest speaker starting at 11:30 a.m.

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