

ON MARCH 9 IN ST. LOUIS PARK

Outstanding Program Set For MGCSA Mini-Seminar

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An outstanding group of speakers will highlight the 1998 MGCSA March Mini-Seminar on Monday, March 9th at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park, Minn. Registration will take place between 8:00-8:30 a.m., with MGCSA President Jim Nicol, CGCS, kicking the program off with a special message at 8:30 a.m.

Lee Mangum, Director of the Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary System, will begin with an overview of the ACSP for Golf Courses, which will bring us up to speed on certification requirements, the sanctuary program for schools and innovative projects and methods for creating habitat on golf courses.

Doug Mahal, CGCS, The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis, and his first assistant, Jeff Johnson, will present "Minikahda after 100 years." Superintendent Mahal and his staff will host the 30th Curtis Cup on August 1-2 this summer, a fitting tribute to one of the very finest and mature golf courses in Minnesota and the United States.



Chatting about the upcoming Mini-Seminar on March 9th are Mike Brower, Hillcrest, and Doug Mahal, CGCS, Minikahda. Mahal is one of the guest speakers while Brower helped organize this year's Mini-Seminar.

Minikahda will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 1998.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about one of the newest and intriguing pesticides to hit the market in recent years — Heritage fungicide. **Matt Giese**, Zenecca Professional Products, will present an in-depth look at Heritage and the latest information on fungicide applications on fine turfgrasses.

The afternoon presentations will begin with **John Harris**, a well-known Minnesota golfer, top-ranked national amateur player and participation on several Walker Cup teams. Mr. Harris will offer "A Player's Perspective on Course Conditions," which will be both educational and entertaining, considering the quality of both his game and the courses he has played.

Jeff Knutson and Mike Kelly, of Glenn Rehbein Companies, will follow with an overview of the construction of Troy Burne Golf Course, near Hudson, Wis. Both Michael Hurdzan and Tom Lehman were instrumental in the course design with Glenn Rehbein Companies the construction contractor. Some of the newest construction methods and materials were utilized at Troy Burne and will be presented using video and slides.

The final presentation of the day will be given by a former golf course superintendent, **Eric Christianson**, of EC Irrigation Consulting. Mr. Christianson is a Des Moines, Iowa-based consultant who has worked with many golf courses in the Twin Cities and Upper Midwest, and will present valuable information on new irrigation and management technologies.

With the 1998 golf season fast-approaching, the March Mini-Seminar is an excellent educational experience just before the season gets going. Each of the speaker presentations will offer new insight on our profession and give each of us new management techniques to utilize in 1998. We encourage all MGCSA members, their staffs and club officials to attend.

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