

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS: APRIL 16, 1998

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

David Simeon Edina Country ClubB to A	
Tim Berggren St. Croix National Golf ClubC to B	
Eric Peterson Dellwood Hills Golf ClubC to B	
Matthew Rostal Interlachen Country ClubD to C	
Patrick J. Schwartz The Pines at Grand View LodgeD to C	

James Johnson, CGCS
MGCSA Membership Chairman

Facts About Pesticides—

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choices (smoking, dieting, stress, etc.) were the most significant factor in the results.

Do Properly Applied Chemicals Pose A Threat to Groundwater, Lakes and Streams?

No. Studies consistently show that a well-managed golf course can actually improve water quality on and around the facility. Research also shows that when pesticides and fertilizers are used properly, they do not tend to seep into groundwater or run off in surface water. Modern products and practices allow superintendents to manage turfgrass so efficiently that there is little chance of harm to our precious water resources.

What Kinds of Training and Education Do Superintendents and Golf Course Applicators Have?

Golfers are often surprised to find that most superintendents have college degrees in agronomy, horticulture or a related field. Because it's important to keep up-to-date with new information and technologies, the majority also attend

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continuing education programs offered by universities and associations like GCSAA. Superintendents are widely considered to be among the best-educated and most judicious users of pesticide products. The vast majority of superintendents are using integrated pest management practices to ensure that both the turf and the environment stay healthy. Applicators are also trained and licensed by the state. In some states pesticide applications can only be made after a written recommendation is made by a licensed pest control applicator. A recent study indicated that nearly 100 percent of GCSAA-member courses had at least one licensed applicator on staff (despite the fact that it isn't necessarily required in some states.) This confirms a high degree of compliance and concern about safe and proper usage of chemical tools.

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