

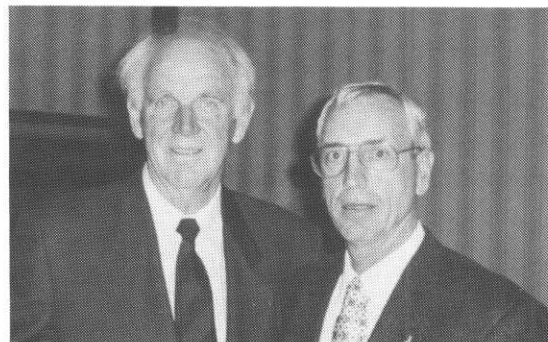
# 1999 March Mini-Seminar Recap

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Despite blizzard conditions throughout Minnesota, approximately 130 golf course management professionals attended the 1999 March Mini-Seminar at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park on Monday, March 8.

Gordon Witteveen, CGCS, and Michael Bavier, CGCS, presented "The Magic of Greenskeeping" Seminar to the attendees. Many of the topics covered during the seminar came out of their recently released book, *Practical Golf Course Maintenance, The Magic of Greenskeeping*. An impressive slide presentation showing maintenance procedures from around the world was utilized during their presentation. The general theme of the presentation was that "90% of greenskeeping is HOUSEKEEPING." The



Pictured on the left is Gordon Witteveen, CGCS with Michael Bavier, CGCS at the Mini-Seminar.

speakers' unique insight on maintenance practices coupled with the slides really did a good job of showing the "the good, the bad and the ugly" on the golf course.

Mr. Witteveen is retiring from the business after this golf season, completing 26 years in the Superintendent position at The Board of Trade Golf Club in Toronto, Canada. He helped start the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association in 1965, was president of that group in 1970, has served as a Director of the GCSAA and is a past Leo Feser award winner of *Golf Course Management* magazine.

Mr. Bavier grew up in Willmar, Minn., and has been Superintendent at Inverness Golf Club for the past 28 years. In 1981 he was elected president of the GCSAA and remains active with both the GCSAA and his local association.

We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear in person from two wonderful and proven leaders of our profession about "The Magic of Greenskeeping." It will be a pleasure

to run into these two in the future and hear about their latest accomplishments. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all who attended and those of you that registered but could not attend, for supporting the MGCSA and its continuing education program — despite the inclement weather.

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