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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Despite 15-Inch Snowstorm, 130 MGCSA Members Attended Mini-Seminar



In April, the MGCSA's Committee Chairmen will submit budgets for the Board of Directors to review. Based on that information, we will determine whether an increase in dues is necessary. The last time dues were raised was approximately nine years ago. The purpose of this was to support an Executive Director and keep solicitation to Affiliate Members to a minimum.

Over the past nine years costs have risen slowly and with the addition of new members, our revenues have kept ahead of our expenditures. The budget projections during the last few years have either broke even or have realized a small profit. Therefore, if the Association desires to expand into public relations or in other areas, we may be required to increase dues to fund new programs. We will continue to keep everyone informed of our decisions in the coming months.

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I would like to thank Mike Brower for the fine job he did in organizing the March Mini-Seminar. One-hundred-forty people pre-registered for this event, which was significantly better than the year before. The only thing Mike did not count on was the storm that dumped 15 inches of snow on the Twin Cities. Despite the snow, we had 130 in attendance. They enjoyed an excellent presentation by Gordon Witteveen and Mike Bavier. Their topic was *Practical Golf Course Maintenance (The Magic of Greenskeeping)*. It covered all aspects of golf course maintenance. This is an excellent seminar for assistant golf pros and club managers to help them understand the Superintendent's role in the care of the golf course. These two men have written a book depicting the common sense, day-to-day art of greenkeeping which can be purchased through the GCSAA's book store.

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Hope to see a good turnout at our first meeting on May 10 at Hillcrest Country Club in St. Paul.

— Tom Fischer, CGCS
MGCSA President

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