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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Education Committee Acquiring a Fine List Of Speakers for Conference



On behalf of our Association I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mike Klatte and his family. Mike's wife passed away after battling cancer. Please keep Mike in your prayers.

Despite his loss, Mike and the Education Committee have been hard at work in acquiring speakers for the MTGF Conference in December.

The keynote speaker will be **Mike Hurzdan** on Wednesday morning. On Wednesday afternoon Mike will then speak on the "future need and development of golf courses." Also scheduled for Wednesday is **Bob Vavrek** from the USGA.

Thursday's keynote speaker, **John Wolf** from 3M, will discuss new respirator regulations along with related environmental and personal safety issues related to our industries. Other Thursday speakers include **Sharon Lily** and **John Ball** speaking on golf course tree management and IPM. **John Powell** will speak on disease management of golf course turf. Dr. Watschke was asked to participate but cannot commit until the year 2000. The trade show will open on Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

On Thursday afternoon's agenda **Jim Crum** will give an update on variability of USGA sand content greens. He will also discuss topdressing issues related to sand characteristics and impact on the soil profile under greens.

Dave Allison may be the keynote speaker on Friday discussing employee/customer relations. Other concurrent educational sessions: Winter Cover Study and Growth Regulators; Ice Cover on Turf; Biostimulant Research and Results on Golf Course Turf, and an in-depth session related to human resources presented by a local superintendent.

A "motivational" luncheon is being considered for Friday noon.

Even though all the speakers have not committed at this time, the program is coming together very well and should be of interest to everyone. I would like to thank Mike and his committee for the work that they have done to recruit a fine list of speakers.

The 1999/2000 budget was discussed at the last Board Meeting. Many of the accounts will not increase (or increase at a moderate level), but despite that fact we are faced with a budget that I believe will be in the red. This year's budget will fall about \$1,000 short of breaking even and next year's budget may have a negative dollar amount if we do not increase dues. The final figures will not be known until May. At this time, the Board will need to make the decision for a raise in dues.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of Cliff Vohs, who recently died in Arizona. Cliff was a retired member of the MGCSA and was a former superintendent at St. Cloud Country Club. Cliff will be remembered for his unique command of the English language.

I hope everyone is having a good spring despite the cool weather.

— Thomas Fischer, CGCS
MGCSA President

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