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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

MTGF Approves \$20,000 Expenditure on PR Firm To Promote Associations



Mike Brower and I have been working on a proposal to have the MTGF share revenue with the MGCSA, which took most of this summer to negotiate. Our work was rewarded this month when the MTGF approved to spend up to \$20,000 on a PR firm to help promote the member associations. I would like to thank Mike for all his hard work representing us at the MTGF board meetings. The MGCSA board approved the committee of Jim Nicol, CGCS, and E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS, to help the MTGF in choosing the PR firm. We will now be able to defend some of the negative press we receive for applying plant protection chemicals and other pesticides, along with publishing articles that help people understand our profession.

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Dr. Don White and Leroy Young will receive Distinguished Service Awards at our annual meeting in December. Dr. White has dedicated his life work to turfgrass research and receive a patent on a variety of *Poa annua* for putting green use. This means the University of Minnesota will receive money from other universities doing research on *Poa annua*. Leroy Young has been a name that superintendents have counted on when their irrigation systems have needed repair. Leroy has made many emergency calls over the years and seemed to arrive at all hours of the day whenever someone needed repair work completed. We would like to thank him for all his dedication.

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The Watson Award will go to Mike Brower for his article "Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round That Old, Old Pond" in our May issue of *Hole Notes*. This article was written about planting Ornamental grasses around ponds. The award is presented to the best written superintendent article in the past year's issues of *Hole Notes*.

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This will be the last President's Report I will submit. I have tried to serve in the best interest of the Association. I would like to thank everyone on the Board and the different committees for all the help you have given your Association over the past year. Anyone in our association that has not served on the Board or a committee should give it a try. The education is more than worth the effort you put into it.

— Thomas Fischer, CGCS, President



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