



Editor's Corner

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Super Conference!

Putting together a program like we have at the MTGF Annual Turf Conference takes a lot of effort and coordination. So kudos to all those responsible for coordinating the programs for this years MTGF Conference. Special thanks to Larry Vetter, James Bade and Scott Turtinen for the extra effort they personally put in coordinating speakers, session mediators and registration. After talking with other attendees, it seemed as though everyone was very happy with the conference this year.

Great Job Bill

For any of you who were unable to attend the presentation Bill Larson, CGCS made on how he revitalized a creek at Town and Country Club; you missed an excellent presentation. Bill and his staff, did a great job of taking an old area of his golf course and turning it into an integral and very aesthetic part of the course. They did this, incorporating wild flowers, local materials and nature. The project was done very professionally and when finished really looked fantastic. If you get the opportunity, call Bill, I am sure he would love to share the experience with other supts. Thanks for participating in the conference.

Congratulations Norma

Norma O'Leary, CGCS, won the Watson award for the best article in our associations publication this year. But in case you hadn't heard she has also been asked for permission from the GCSAA and Golf Course Management to reprint the article in their publication. So look for her byline in an upcoming issue of GCM. As a side, just to let you know what a super person Norma is, GCM gave her a cash stipend for reprinting her article, she donated the money to the clubhouse @ Silver Bay for the purchase of a Television.

Thanks Paul & Congrats Rick

I would like to personally than Paul Eckholm, CGCS for all the effort he has put in as President of our association for the past two years.

Congratulations also to Rick Fredrickson, CGCS for his election as president. As well as all the newly positioned members and new members to the Board. I look forward to continuing my association with this great group of people.

Jerry Commers

Long time member and friend of the MGCSA Jerry Commers past away in November. Jerry was 77, had been a



NORMA O'LEARY WAS THE 2001 RECIPIENT of the MGCSA's Watson Award for best member-generated article printed in Hole Notes. Her insightful article on the pressures of labor shortages was entitled "Dealing with Labor Shortages."

member of the MGCSA since 1951 and had been the President of Cushman Motor Co. for 52 years. He will surely be missed. Our best wishes go out to Tim Commers and his family.

Member Participation

Member participation is what makes an association great. We have so many talented people in our association that seem to be hiding under rocks. If you have had a positive experience on your course, through daily activities or in a big project, let the others know. Write an article, or make a presentation at the conference. People are always willing to listen and learn.

Happy Holidays

My wife Barb, my daughter Maggie and I wish that you all have an enjoyable but safe New Year!

MGCSA CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 22

Problems and Solutions:

Using Annuals and Perennials In the Golfscape

Instructors: Dean Bemis and Larry Houser
Radisson South Hotel / Bloomington, Minn.

Wednesday, January 23

Bentgrass Management And Rootzone Maintenance

Instructor: Milt Engelke, Ph.D.
Radisson South Hotel / Bloomington, Minn.