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## From Your President's Desk



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## 75th Anniversary Banquet Was a First Class Evening

What an event the 75th Anniversary Banquet turned out to be!! With 215 members and guests in attendance, it was a spectacular night to be at the Golden Valley Country Club. The honorees were picked up at their residence in Limos and when they arrived, their college rouser was played. After an elegant social hour, Jack Kolb led us in a very appropriate invocation written just for our profession. If there was any doubt that this was going to be a first class evening, the dinner certainly erased those. After the dessert was served, introductions were made and the history of our great association was given. When Maynard Erickson was introduced, people were surprised to find out that he had started his career caddying at the Golden Valley Country Club in 1937. Maynard has been a member of our association for 51 years now!

**We then moved into the awards.** Dr. Brian Horgan made the introduction and presentation to Andrew Carlson, MGCSA Scholarship recipient. Next, Mike Ligday presented a nice timeline of Jim Nicol, CGCS with some interesting anecdotes mixed in. Jim received the Distinguished Service Award. Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, presented an insightful look at Dr. Don White. Jack, being a previous graduate of Dr. White's tutelage, told of his mentor's teaching and filing system while attending the University. Of course the evening would not have been complete without a slide tray of Dr. White's favorite slides and quips. Jim Nicol came back on stage to introduce and present Dr. James Watson. It was interesting to learn the impact Dr. Watson has made worldwide on turfgrass and how he was involved in our association. Both Dr. White and Dr. Watson received the President's Lifetime Achievement Awards.

**The closing comments of appreciation came from Jack MacKenzie.** He spoke of the commitment our significant others make to our career and the understanding they have. He spoke of our appreciation for their support and asked the gentleman at each table to take the rose and bud vase that had been placed there earlier, and give it to their significant other.

**It was an event fitting of our 75th Anniversary.** The opportunity to greet and meet our peers and their significant others reminded me of when we used to hold an annual awards banquet and show. As I watched our honorees accept the awards and see how proud their families and guests were of them, it made the time and effort put forth by our Board well worth it.

**I would like to give special thanks to the people who helped plan and organize the event:** Jack MacKenzie, whose resourceful and creative ideas made the 75th Anniversary Banquet special for everyone who attended; Scott and Jeff Turtinen who organized the Power Point presentations, handled the invitations, arranged the banquet accommodations, and provided photography; and the Board of Directors for their commitment to support an event of this size.

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