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From Your President's Desk

Thanks, Jim, For Representing The MGCSA So Well!



Rick Fredericksen, CGCSA
MGCSA President

I have known Jim Nicol, Superintendent at Hazeltine National, for approximately fifteen years now and had the opportunity to work with him on several committees on our Board over the years. As I read and watched interviews of Jim during the PGA Championship, it was not too much different than sitting across the table from him in a meeting. He has always been very professional in the manner he conducts himself and the way he represents the industry.

As an association, I would like to thank Jim for organizing the Turf Management Tent at Hazeltine and the vendors that helped support it. Several superintendents, families and staff took the opportunity to relax and enjoy the amenities that were provided in the tent. There was also an opportunity to visit with local superintendents, along with those from other areas. Everyone commented on the hospitality extended by Jim and the vendors. Thank you for representing us so well.

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The USGA Spec Research Green at the Turf Research, Outreach and Education Center (TROE) was seeded on August 26. There are pictures of the construction of the green in this issue of Hole Notes. You will also find a list of suppliers and contractors who helped with contributions of time or material in this issue. With the support of the vendors, the MGCSA, and the leadership of Paul Eckholm, Brian Horgan, and Troy Carson, the TROE Center is being built.

The MGCSA has made a sizable commitment to help fund the TROE Center. The Research Committee has committed \$100,000 from the Research Trust Fund over the next four years to help with construction. The first installment of \$25,000 was presented to the University of Minnesota at their annual field day held July 25th. This donation was the start of an endowment dedicated to the development of the TROE Center. Although the funds to support our commitment will come from the Trust Fund, the Board of Directors intend to keep the trust fund at or near the \$100,000 level, which is part of the original Articles of the Trust. You can help support the trust fund by participating in the Stodola Scramble being held at Woodhill Country Club on September 23. You may also contribute directly to the research. Rob Panuska is sending out a letter to clubs and affiliate members asking for contributions. Please be of assistance with the paperwork to help your club or business make a contribution to this exciting project.

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