

The Toro Company Presents a Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Check In Minikahda's Name In Appreciation of 83-Year Partnership

The warm relationship between The Minikahda Club of Minneapolis and the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association has endured for the past century. Likewise, the Toro Company of Bloomington, Minn. has worked with Minikahda in many capacities since the early 1900s.

Representatives of these three groups gathered for a special luncheon at Minikahda on June 11 when Toro CEO Ken Melrose presented a \$1,500 check to the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund. The company was nearing the end of a major restoration project.

Accepting the gift were Trans director Kip Colwell, chairman of the project for Minikahda where he is scheduled to be that club's next president in November, and Ralph Turtinen, executive secretary of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association.

"Although much has changed over the course of our 83-year partnership with Minikahda," said Melrose, "the value we place on long-term relationships has not. We look forward to partnering with Minikahda for the next 83 years, and that's why we're pleased to present a Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship in their name to honor our rich and promising future."

The restoration project returned Minikahda's course to the original Donald Ross design created in 1916. It included the installation of a state-of-the-art Toro irrigation system.

Said Colwell, restoration chair and current vice-presi-



A \$1,500 CHECK WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE TORO COMPANY to the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund on June 11th. Presenting the check on behalf of Toro was CEO Ken Melrose who is pictured on the right. Accepting the check for the Trans are Kip Colwell, center, a Trans director from The Minikahda Club, and TMGA Executive Secretary Ralph Turtinen.

dent: "The restoration project was taken on to restore the integrity and challenge of the original Donald Ross design." Designer of the restoration master plan was Ron Pritchard.

"We are pleased to accept Toro's check," said Turtinen. "Toro and Minikahda have been involved with our association since the early 1900s and have continually showed their commitment to the golf industry."



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