

Robert Panuska Elected President

Eckholm, Gardner, Oberle and Zimmerman Join 2004 Board

Robert Panuska, golf course superintendent at Waseca Lakeside Club in Waseca, is the new president of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

Panuska, who was vice-president the last two years and has served on the board for 8 years, was elected at the associations' 76th Annual Business Meeting held on January 8 during the Minnesota Green Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Other Officers Elected

James Bade, Somerset Country Club, Mendota Heights, vice-president; Jeff Johnson, The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, treasurer; Richard Traver, CGCS, Monticello Country Club, Monticello, remains as secretary and Richard Fredericksen, CGCS, Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, the outgoing president, remains on the Board as an ex-officio member.

New directors elected were: James Gardner, CGCS, The Wilds Golf Club and Indian Hills Golf Club, Prior Lake; Paul Eckholm, CGCS, Heritage Links Golf Club, Lakeville; Brad Zimmerman, Boulder Point Golf Course, Elko; David Oberle, BASF Corporation is the new vendor representative.

Directors completing terms were: Greg Hubbard, CGCS Manitou Ridge Golf Course; Mike Brual, Faribault Golf & Country Club.



Newly-elected President Robert Panuska, left accepts the traditional president's gavel from out-going president Rick Fredericksen, CGCS, at the January 8th MGCSA Annual Meeting.

Awards

This year we had 18 members of our association receive service plaques for the dedication they have shown to the profession. Receiving the 30 year award were: Dale Caldwell, CGCS, Minneapolis Golf Club; Mike Redmond, The Andersons; Galen Sabelko, Princeton Valley Golf Club.

Honored for 25 years of service were: Rick Fredericksen, CGCS, Woodhill Country Club; John Harris, Woodhill Country Club; Brad Klein, Northern Turf Services; Andy Lindquist, John Deere Golf; James Nicol, CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club; Richard Odden, Pebble Lake Golf Club; Michael Olson; Dennis Owen, Terrace View Golf Course; Dan Peluso, Pokegama Golf Course; Scott Pruszinske, Hyland Greens; James Reiter, Montgomery Golf Club; Steve Schumacher; Charles Vedvick, Bismarck Parks; Robert Weston, Mille Lacs Golf Resort; Richard Williams, Pine Meadows at Brainerd.

Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Keller Golf Course, received the Watson Award for his article on Linear Aerification which appeared in the July issue of *Hole Notes*.

Paul Diegnau, CGCS, left, Keller Golf Course, accepts the 2003 MGCSA Watson Award for his article on Linear Aerification. The Watson Award is presented to the best member-generated article of the year for Hole Notes. Presenting the award is Hole Notes editor Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, North Oaks Golf Club.



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Dr. Brian Horgan, left, receives a donation from Stephen Kimball on behalf of Bayer Environmental Science.



Above: Dale Caldwell, CGCS, left, was recognized for his 30 years of service with the MGCSA by Membership Chairman Mike Nelson, Dacotah Ridge. Below: Those recognized for 25 years of service are, from the left, Rick Fredericksen, CGCS; Richard Odden; Brad Klein; Jim Nicol, CGCS; Mike Olson, and James Reiter.





Dr. Brian Horgan, left, receives a donation from Todd Loecke on behalf of Syngenta Turf and Ornamental at the Annual Meeting.



New Arrival

Adeline Grace Carson entered the world at 9:01pm on January 21. She weighed 4750 grams (10 lbs. 8 oz.) and was 53.5 cm (21 inches) long. Mother Sara and baby are doing very well. -- Troy Carson.

"Bailey for Dog of the Year"

Are you heading to San Diego for the national convention in February? If you are, take a few minutes to stop by the Lebanon Turf booth at the trade show and cast your vote for Bailey for dog of the year.

Bailey was the "cover girl" of this year's SuperNews Superintendents Best Friend Calendar, co-sponsored by Lebanon Turf. All of the canines in the calander are now competing for the title of dog of the year.

The winner and their owner receive \$500 at Lands End and \$2,000 is donated back to their local superintendents organization. So help us win the \$2,000 for our MGCSEA. Take a few minutes to stop by the Lebanon Turf booth and vote for Bailey.

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Mike Leitner, Leitner Company, donates \$500 to the MGCSA Scholarship Fund. Accepting the donation is Scholarship Chairman Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, of North Oaks Golf Club.



Two out-going Board members are Greg Hubbard, CGCS, Manitou Ridge, left, and Mike Bruhal, Faribault Golf & Country Club. Greg served as MTGF representative while Mike handled the office of the Treasurer.

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