

Minnesota Green Expo Set for January 5, 6 and 7 at the Minneapolis Convention Center

## Green Expo Offers a Great Opportunity to Learn And Meet With Peers in the Turfgrass Industry

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The grass sure is green for this time of the year. Guzman is traded to the Washington Expos. *Green Expo*, it is getting to be that time of the year again, the season of continuing education. The Minnesota Green Expo is right around the corner with some exciting opportunities.

There are names that you will recognize like **Vargas** and some names that you will be sure to notice in the future like **Ron Calhoun**. There will be national names like **Peter McCormick** from the Turf Net and regional superintendents like **Dan Dinelli**, CGCS, bringing their expertise to the table.

**Bob Vavrek** from the USGA will be in town with a new and interesting topic. We landed a great pathologist in **Paul Vincelli**, from the University of Kentucky. There is a dynamic speaker coming from Purdue, **Zac Reicher**. Then there is our own **Brian Horgan** from the U of M and his new counter part, **Eric Watkins**.

The goal has been to have too many good things to choose

from. With these speakers and all there is to do hopefully we are close to reaching that goal. Besides the golf course session, there are classes on trees, shrubs, new plant material and wildlife. Does it grab your curiosity to see that Mn DOT will be there? For those of you who recognize "PLT" as opposed to BLT, it is time to renew your license.

And, of course, there is recertification for pesticide use. The objective there has been that even if you don't have to be recertified, you will want to attend. Then in between all this there is the newly expanded Trade Show. What a place to meet your colleagues and friends.

In conclusion, there is something for everybody. The cost for this kind of educational opportunity, to keep on top of your profession, is very reasonable, so bring your gardener, mechanic and other staff workers. I hope to see you there.



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### Make Plans to Attend the MGCSA ANNUAL MEETING

4:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 6, 2005  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
at the  
Minnesota Green Expo

### Participate in the 18 Hole Golf Challenge at the Expo

The 2005 Minnesota Green Expo will feature an 18-hole golf challenge sponsored by affiliate members of the MGCSA. MGCSA vendors are invited to sponsor a hole in the 18-hole challenge on the trade show floor.

MGCSA members who obtain a scorecard from the MGCSA booth at the Expo, visit all 18 or more participating vendor booths and get signatures from the companies will be eligible for prizes. Completed cards will be drawn for great prizes.

All cards must be turned in at the MGCSA booth or by the start of the Annual Business Meeting at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005. A drawing will be conducted to pick winners during this meeting.