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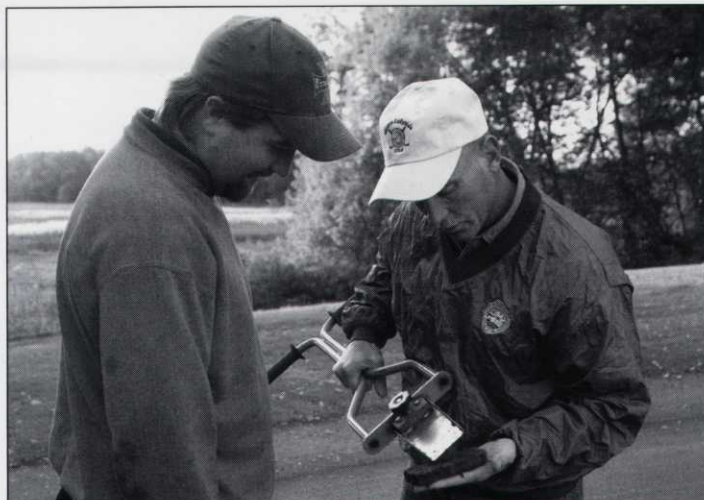
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he gets it done, and done right the first time."

Through the years there have been family trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, volunteer work cooking with Britannia's Colts Drum and Bugle Corps and commitments to the Vista Covenant Church Board to keep Rob busy away from the Waseca Lakeside Club. And according to Sherry his upcoming summer project around the house, when not working with the animals, will be to complete a landscape plan complementing the water pond and fountain they built last year.

Yes, Rob Panuska, President of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendent's Association enjoys a full life. A dedicated family man, articulate in debate, a faithful friend and employer and committed to his profession. What more could be asked of him in the prime of his life?

Perhaps another run for the Board of Directors?



Rob Panuska, right, with his assistant Seth Langager.



## GCSAA Show Attracts 20,000 Golf Industry Professionals

The first-ever Golf Industry Show wrapped up in February, with projected attendance and exhibitor numbers that were

slightly better than expected. Projected attendance for the GCSAA Education Conference, NCGOA Solutions Summit and Golf Industry Show is approximately 23,000.

The number of "qualified buyers" or those that can influence purchase decisions is an important number. At the GCSAA Show last year in San Diego, there were approximately 6,200 qualified buyers. It is estimated the number of qualified buyers will exceed 8,000.

The GCSAA Education Conference ended the week with 7,329 seminar seats processed, marking the second highest total since 7,903 seats were sold in New Orleans in 2000.

**Showcased on the floor** were seven "solution centers" focused on a particular area of golf facility management, each offering interactive demonstrations, presentations and case studies by industry experts and informative displays.

In the featured Solution Center, The Building of the Green, an actual golf course green was built in the center of the trade show floor.

The Range Solutions Center featured an indoor driving range, while the Electric Vehicle Test Center allowed attendees to take the latest electric golf vehicles for a spin on the indoor driving track.

Attendees found a full-scale irrigation

pump demonstration in the Water Solutions Center.

The Agronomic Solutions Center, which was designed as a peaceful golf course sanctuary, complete with a pond, amidst the bustle of the trade show floor.

**The MGCSA hosted its hospitality night** at Adobe Gilas restaurant in Orlando on February 10. The informal gathering attracted more than 100 MGCSA members.

**In the GCSAA Golf Championship,**

the team from Minnesota finished tied for 28th place in the gross division, 78th in the net division, no sandbaggers on our team. The team consisted of Tim Johnson, Spring Hill CC; Scottie Hines, Windsong Farms; Michael Brower, Minnesota Valley CC, and Thomas Schmidt, Hillcrest CC of St Paul. Tim Johnson finished tied for 40th in the Championship division shooting a 78-79--157. Hines fired an 80-83--163 and Brower shot an 89-87--176. All three participated in the championship division. Thomas Schmidt finished tied

for 25th place in the 2nd flight. John Malloy, Bearpath CC, finished tied for 24th in the fourth flight.

**GolfWeek's SuperNews Team Golf Championship** was run in conjunction with the GCSAA show. MGCSA members Jim Johnson, Rich Spring GC, and Tom Notch, Bent Creek GC, teamed up to finish second with a gross 67 and a net 63. The winners fired a 65 and a net 59. They played at Shingle Creek GC in Orlando.

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