

MGCSA Holds Elections and Raises Dues

*McKinnon, Diegnau, MacKenzie, Proshek and Hartman Re-elected
Along with New Board Member Mike Knodel*

Matt McKinnon, Superintendent at Legacy Courses at Cragun's, retains his spot as MGCSA Secretary. McKinnon was secretary last year and elected to the board in 2005.

Directors elected were Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Keller Golf Course, St. Paul; Mike Knodel, Oakdale Golf Club, Buffalo Lake; Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, North Oaks Golf Club, North Oaks, and Tom Proshek, Brackett's Crossing Country Club. Jeff Hartman will serve another term on the Board as Vendor representative.

MGCSA Treasurer E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS proposed to the membership a dues increase. In 1999 the Board of Directors recommended and the membership approved a motion to have a modest dues increase every other year to help keep pace with inflation rather than a large increase when the Association gets behind. This has not been done since that time. Therefore, The Board of Directors recommended a dues increase of \$5.00 U.S. for all classes effective for the 2007 dues billing period continuing until the membership approves a different amount.

A proposed addition to MGCSA bylaws -- the definition of a golf course Superintendent -- was also approved. The definition of a golf course Superintendent is one who is entrusted with the management and operation of the tract of land defined as a golf course, including involvement in construction and maintenance of golf courses and related equipment.

The MGCSA sincerely thanks the following 19 MGCSA affiliate companies participating in the 2007 Booth Challenge:

BASF Corporation, Glenn Rehbein Companies, Green Image, Hartman Companies, Herfort Norby Golf Course Architects, Hydrologic, Lesco, PBI Gordon, Plaisted Companies, ProSource One, Pudenz Irrigation, Sports Turf Specialties, Superior Tech Products, Superior Turf Services, Sustane Natural Fertilizer, Tee Shot Marketing, Turfwerks, Twin City Seed Company, and Versatile Vehicles, Inc.

Over 60 members completed the MGCSA Booth Challenge that took place during the Green Expo Trade Show. The Booth Challenge Grand Prize winner was



A well-attended Past President's Luncheon was held before the MGCSA's Annual Business Meeting on January 4. From the left, Larry Vetter; Jim Nicol, CGCS; Doug Mahal, CGCS; Greg Hubbard, CGCS; Tom Fischer, CGCS; Dennis Hendrickson; Kevin Clunis, CGCS; Scott Hoffmann, CGCS; Jerry Murphy, CGCS; Rob Panuska; Fred Taylor, CGCS; Rick Traver, CGCS (current vice-president), and current President James Bade. Attending the lunch but not in the photo were Paul Eckholm, CGCS, and Matt McKinnon (current secretary). The current MGCSA Executive Committee was invited.

Jim Nicol, CGCS, Hazeltine National GC. Nine more winners were **Gary Rossi**, Riverwood National GC; **Brian Boll**, Interlachen CC; **Scott Nelson**, Austin CC; **Mike Ligday**, Manitou Ridge GC; **Erin McManus**, Medina Golf & CC; **Jeff Ische**,

Golden Valley G&CC; **Greg Hubbard**, CGCS, Manitou Ridge GC; **Nate Uselding**, The Bridges GC, and **Craig Vigen**, Fargo CC.

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