

## Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarships Awarded for 15th Consecutive Year; MGCSA Legacy Scholarships for 13th Year in a Row

The legacy award named after the founder of Par Aide Products Company, Joseph S. Garske, located in Lino Lakes, Minnesota is committed to further the education of children and grandchildren of MGCSA members through financial contributions. This is the 15th consecutive year for these awards.

This year we are pleased to award \$1,000 MGCSA Legacy Scholarships to Melissa Femrite and Benjamin Kasner, a \$1,500 Joseph S. Garske scholarship to Kira Clunis and a \$1,500 Garske scholarship renewal to Kelsey Krause.

The late Mr. Garske, who died at the age of 76 in 1982, started Par Aide in 1954 with plans to make a "good" ball washer. A foundry man and avid golfer, he knew little about the golf business, tried to sell his ideas for design and tooling to two accessory companies, was turned down by both and so began Par Aide Products Company.

**The Legacy Scholarship** was started in 1996 by Joe Garske's son, Steve.

"I am pleased to have our company provide these scholarships since for many superintendents, providing a college education for their children requires true sacrifice. I am fortunate to have the opportunity and ability to help," Garske

said.

### Recipients of this year's Garske Legacy Scholarships are:

**Kelsey Krause**, daughter of Rick and Katie Krause. Rick is the Assistant Superintendent of The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. Kelsey is a graduate of Hopkins High School and now attends the St. Catherine University, majoring in Communications.

**Kira Clunis**, daughter of Kevin and Nancy Clunis. Kevin is the Superintendent at Tanners Brook Golf Course in Forest Lake. Kira is a graduate of Mahtomedi High School and is now enrolled at the St. Olaf College. Her major is undecided.

### Recipients of this year's MGCSA Legacy Scholarships are:

**Melissa Femrite**, daughter of Cary and Mary Femrite. Cary is employed by MTI Distributing, Inc. Melissa is a graduate of Zimmerman High School. Melissa attends the Winona State University where she majors in Biology.

**Benjamin Kasner**, son of Tom and Laurel Kasner. Tom is employed by Albany Golf Club. Benjamin is a graduate of Albany High School. Benjamin will attend the Anoka Tech College where he will major in Grounds Management.

## MGCSA Harold Stodola Research Scramble Set Sept. 20 at The Classic



The Classic at Madden's Resort opened in 1997 after the "luxury of building the course over a 3-year period in our 'spare time' with a local contractor," said Superintendent Scott Hoffmann, and added that The Classic is a minimalist design as less than 50,000 cu. yds of soil was moved.

Madden's has been family-owned since the 1930s and is now into the third generation of operation. Ownership began with Jim and Jack Madden then Brian and Deb Thuringer took over and now Ben Thuringer and Abby Pieper serve as owners.

Scott Hoffman is a 1979 graduate of the Michigan State Turf Program. He's been married to his wife Jewell for 36 years and has a daughter Brandy and a son Nick. When golfing, he plays to an 11-handicap but his new favorite hobby is pheasant hunting. Scott is involved on several Boards including church, Crisis Pregnancy Center and College-aged Ministry.

"My most recent and most fun accomplishment is becoming a grandpa of twin girls - Dorthea and Loretta." said Hoffmann.

Assistant Superintendent Scott Meade has been with Hoffmann at The Classic since 1994 in the beginning stages of construction. Meade headed up the installation of a new NW 8000 irrigation system. Scott hobbies include golfing, snowmobiling, ice fishing and deer hunting.

Meade married his wife Lorraine three years ago and since has a daughter Erin and son Connor. "I love my new life as a family man!" said Meade.

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