

Watson Award Recipient, Hole Notes Contributors Honored At MGCSA Recognition Banquet at Brackett's Crossing CC

The Watson Award has been given annually since 1990 to a member of the MGCSA for their journalistic efforts through writing an article for the *Hole Notes* publication. On behalf of Brandon Schindele, Superintendent of Edina Country Club, First Assistant Jeff Mold accepted the 2011 award for the article titled Use of Basamid for Fairway Re-Grassing at Edina Country Club.

Brandon provided the readers with an exceptional article about fairway reconditioning using the product Bosamid in last December's *Hole Notes*. The summer long project required meticulous management to meet the membership's expectations.

The in depth presentation included many great photographs, tips and editorial content describing the project from the initial plan to first mowing. Because Basamid is such a touchy material to handle, Brandon and his staff needed to take extra precautions to protect themselves, the course and the environment.



Edina Country Club Assistant Superintendents Jeff Mold and Brian Grill accepted the Watson Award for Brandon Schindele at the MGCSA Awards and Recognition Banquet.

Celebrating the evening with Jeff, were several past recipients of the distinguished writing award: Rob Adams, Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Jack MacKenzie, CGCS and Fred Taylor, CGCS.

Beyond member generated articles, a good publication needs great columnists.

The recipients of *Hole Notes* are fortunate to have several who monthly give their time to bring antidotal and educational materials for our enjoyment and edification. Diegnau, Scottie Hines, CGCS and Brian Brown were recognized and commended for their wonderful efforts.

Also acknowledged that evening were the many vendors who see value in the publication *Hole Notes* and continue to advertise thus keeping the cost of the magazine a mere two dollars per issue. Mentioned as well were Scott Turtinen and Jeff Turtinen, who created the typography, layout and assisted in the editing of the magazine for the past 21 years. Andrew Carlson, who assisted with the journal's proofreading, was also recognized.

(Editor's Note: A complete re-cap of the December 7 MGCSA Awards and Recognition Banquet will be published in the January-February 2012 digital version of Hole Notes and will also available at www.mgcsa.org.



Highlights from the Northern Green Expo 2012 Seminar Schedule

Below is a selected list of topics geared toward golf course superintendents that will be highlighted at the Northern Green Expo in January 2012!

Management

- Keynote: Radical Engagement for Greater Results
- Golf: Managing your Manager, Committee and Boards
- Time Management Techniques for the Green Industry

- Developing a Sustainable Golf Course Model
- Pesticides, Perception and Society
- Should Henry Be Out There?
- Most Common Problems Encountered During Golf Course Site Visits

- Uncovering the Architectural History of Your Golf Course
- Golf Course Design, Renovation, and Maintenance & Local Case Studies
- Human Resource Management: In Focus

Turf

- Waitea Patch Management Strategies
- Turfgrass Research Update
- Identifying and Troubleshooting Turf After Cut Appearance Issues
- Biorational Control of Dollar Spot
- Turf Weed Control: New Products
- Calibration Calculations, Equipment and Applications
- Golf Course: Growing Great Turf in the Shade
- Pesticide Recertification (A &E)

Grounds

- Stormwater Management: Reclamation & Re-Use - Target Field Case Study
- Back to the Basics: Asphalt & Concrete
- Raingarden Maintenance
- Creation and Protection of Wetlands
- Small Engine Repair
- Maintaining Natives

Water

- Irrigation Basics – The Occasional Repair
- Wire Locating/Tracking
- Irrigation Troubleshooting: 2 Wire
- Weather Based Controls
- Water Conservation/Efficiency
- Aquatics Recertification (F)



A complete schedule-at-a-glance can be found online at www.NorthernGreenExpo.org.