

# *A Night to be Recognized*

## *The MGCSA 2012 Annual Banquet*

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**There is nothing wrong with a little recognition.**

That was the overwhelming theme and the goal at the MGCSA awards banquet held at Medina Country Club on December 5, 2012. Host Erin McManus, Superintendent Medina Country Club, welcomed over 80 MGCSA members and guests at the event.

After a lively social hour and fine dinner served by the Medina CC staff, Master of Ceremonies Bill Gullicks, Superintendent, Bellwood Oaks Golf Club started the show by introducing the life service awards of 35 MGCSA members with certificates of merit. These members ranged from 25 years of membership up to 40 years of continuous membership in the MGCSA.

Gullicks then turned the microphone over to Dave Kazmierczak, CGCS, Superintendent Prestwick Golf Club and editor of the MGCSA's Hole Notes magazine to present the Watson award for the best member-generated article in the magazine for 2012. Kazmierczak presented the award to Ken Rost of Frost Services for his article published in the September month of Hole Notes entitled "*RU Ready? GPS TECH UpDate*".

With those presentations done, Gullicks then got to the highlight of the evening- the presentation of the 2012 Distinguished Service Award to current MGCSA ex-officio Paul Diegnau. Gullicks invited Eric Councilman, Superintendent Somerby Country Club and nominator of

Diegnau for the award, to come forward and present Diegnau his award.

Councilman gave a brief introduction and then began to rattle off Diegnau's career accomplishments, enough to fill up two full pages of copy. With the witty anecdotes and many career highlights conveyed, Councilman then invited Diegnau to receive his DSA award.

Humbled and gracious, Diegnau accepted the DSA award with reverence and thanks. His acceptance speech thanked the many people who helped him on his way, including past and current employers, colleagues with whom he worked and served with, but most importantly his family. Diegnau's wife, Cindy and his parents Gretchen and Ron were in attendance to witness his acceptance and receive Diegnau's praise while his two children were thanked from afar.

In closing, Gullicks thanked the participants for coming to the awards dinner, and left them with the idea that too often members of our industry do not seek recognition for their service and accomplishments, in fact they try not to be highlighted in any way, which is not beneficial. Gullicks asked that all in attendance realize the more awards or orders of merit we earn in our work, the brighter the light is cast upon our profession and our professionalism. That, Gullicks said, is the kind of recognition we all should be striving for.

# *MGCSA 2012 Service Awards:*



**Above, Dennis Hendrickson Class of 1972.**

**45 years and going strong, Ron Bloom in the center**

**Double down, DSA and 30 year Service Award, Paul Diegnau CGCS below.**



**Fred Taylor, above, 35 years of solid service receives his thanks from Bill Gullicks.**

**25 years young! Todd Daniels receives his 25 year plaque.**







***R U Ready- GPS TECH Update***, an article in the September issue of *Hole Notes Magazine*, earned Ken Rost, above on the right next to Editor Dave Kazmierczak CGCS, great recognition and the Watson Award for best member written article.

The advertisement features a background image of a lush green golf course with trees and a clubhouse. The Hartman logo is prominently displayed, featuring a stylized green tree and a red flag on a golf club. The text "HARTMAN" is in large, bold, serif letters. Below it, "Golf Course Construction & Renovation" is written in a smaller font. A purple swoosh underlines the company name. In the top right corner, the slogan "Quality since 1971..." is written in a red, cursive font. At the bottom left, the text "Specializing in..." is written in purple, followed by a list of services: "Bunkers • Tees • Laser Leveling • Green Drainage • Irrigation • Design • Pump Station Upgrades". The contact information is listed at the bottom left, and the website and email address are at the bottom right.

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ing lots. It is often necessary to replace soils with high salinity before resuming turf growth. Knowing this, the 'more is good' argument doesn't seem so smart.

**T**here comes a time when old traditions get broken and new ones are started. The best way for a new tradition to succeed is for there to be a cost benefit. Alternative de-icing products and methods described in this article have been proven to save money. The MPCA

published a Winter Parking Lot and Sidewalk Maintenance Manual which includes some case studies where municipalities, schools and businesses utilized alternatives and saved money. The MPCA is also a good resource and reference for more information on this topic. Lastly, your association has affiliates that sell both the materials and the equipment to apply alternative de-icing products. Affiliates are a valuable resource for quality products as well as expert advice. Utilize them and enjoy winter!

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You should have, could  
have, been there!*





**October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Wee One**  
**Brackett's Crossing Golf Club**  
**Host Tom Proshek**

*Proceeds from this, our most successful fund raiser, go to support our fellow professionals who have been stricken with a medical crisis. A scramble event, it is open to any and all players so team up with your friends, family or even club membership.*

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Fall Shootout**  
**Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club**  
**Host Paul Eckholm CGCS**

***PULL!!!** This fun social outing brings in a great group of individuals to blast some clays! An educational format is offered in the morning followed by lunch a shootout mixer. Unlike in past years this year the format will mix both good and beginner shooters. Prizes are received by the best shooter, best team and one chosen randomly from the middle of the pack.*

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Research Wrap and Bowl *NEW***  
**Pinz Bowling St. Louis Park**  
**Hosts Dr. Brian Horgan and Sam Bauer**

*Research you have sponsored will be conducted over the summer and this is your opportunity to get the latest data straight from the scientists who followed through on your requests. The morning will be full of research discussion followed by lunch and semi-competitive bowling in the afternoon. Teams will be drawn from a hat for this mixer event.*

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Banquet**  
**Golden Valley Golf and Country Club**  
**Host Jeff Ische**

*This social event brings our group together for a fun social activity and the opportunity to put the previous seasons challenges to bed. Great food and camaraderie are always in store at this terrific gathering.*



**Jon Glader, here with Erin McManus Event Promoter, won the 2012 Research Raffle give away. The prize, an Orion Weatherby Grade 3 Over/Under 12 gauge shotgun will help Jon as he continues his latest hobby...hunting!**