

"CHARLES 'CHICK' EVANS, JR. WON THE NATIONAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT, JUNE 1916, ON THIS COURSE. NEAR THIS SPOT, WHILE WAITING FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY, HE DETERMINED TO REJECT FINANCIAL OFFERS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER AND DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO THE COLLEGE EDUCATION OF CADDIES. HERE THE EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION HAD ITS BEGINNING."



Chick Evans

The above is inscribed on a plaque located adjacent to the first tee at the Minikahda Club. The dedication ceremony took place on December 1, 1973. Fifty-seven years after winning this prestigious tournament, this dedication was one of several events celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Minikahda.

During these 57 years, 2000 caddies with Evans Scholarships have graduated from Universities throughout the country. At the present time there are 868 young men enrolled in 29 Universities in this program. The University of Minnesota currently has 57 Evans Scholars with 128 having graduated in the past.

The Foundation currently owns two houses at the University of Minnesota where these men live during their years in school. A scholarship from the Foundation is valued at approximately \$1000 per year and can extend to four years per individual.

This year alone there were 230 new recipients who will be starting their college education in the near future. Of this number 18 are from Minnesota representing 15 Clubs in the State, including Austin, Duluth, New Prague, Red Wing, Rochester, St. Cloud, Stillwater and the Twin Cities.

Having had the opportunity to meet several people who are active in this program it is easy to see how it has grown over the years to become what it is today. These men are so genuinely enthused concerning the merits of the program that their spirit and enthusiasm is felt by those around them. The Foundation is funded in several ways, but the major portion of the funds come from the sale of bag tags. When you see one of your members with one of these tags on his or her bag, you know that they have done their part in contributing to the education of these deserving young men.

Further information concerning this Foundation, who is eligible to apply for scholarships and what the requirements are can be obtained by contacting the W.G.A. in Chicago or the M.G.A. Office in Edina.

Today when prize money is skyrocketing and total purses are bulging, the Evans Foundation stands as a national tribute to a man who rejected "financial offers to become a professional golfer and devote his life to the college education of caddies"

The golfing world owes much to you, Chick Evans.



Left to right: F.H. Corrigan, Founder of the Local Chapter of the Evans Scholars and past National Trustee; Fred Seed, 1974 Minikahda Club President; Chick Evans, C.P. Pesek, 1973 Minikahda Club President

DECEMBER MEETING
NORMANDY HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS
Wednesday, December 5, 1973

The December business meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Turf Conference. Included in the business was the reading of the applications for membership from the following people for Class B memberships. The applications were read and the applicants were presented. The applications will be voted on at the January meeting.

John Nylund, Braemar Golf Course

Eldon Langsev, Hiawatha Golf Course

There was also the election of officers and directors. Harold Stodola, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers and directors for election.

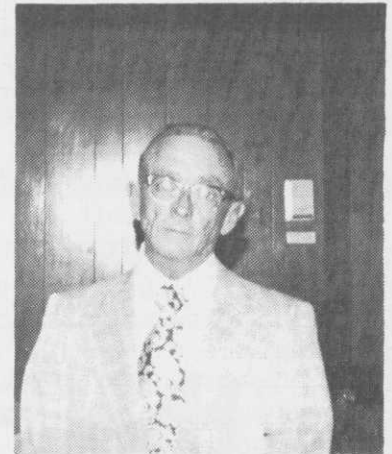
President - Larry Vetter, Minikahda Club
Vice-President - Rich Rannels, Golden Valley Country Club
Secretary-Treasurer - Dean Sime, Interlachen Country Club

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Nominating Committee's recommendation be accepted and unanimous ballot be cast for the election of these three men.



Jim Lundblad

The Nominating Committee recommended that Jim Lundblad, Rolling Green Country Club and George Ostler, Hillcrest Country Club be elected to the Board of Directors to replace Kurt Erdman, Rochester Golf and Country Club and John Fuller, Midland Hills Country Club, who requested to be relieved of the duties of a Board member for the present time. The Nominating Committee's recommendation was accepted and the two gentlemen were elected to the Board.



George Ostler

Jim and George have some big shoes to fill. They are both well qualified and devoted and will do a great job.

It was a great and successful Conference and our sympathy goes to those members who for one reason or another were unable to attend. Start making plans for the 1974 Conference.

There are so many people that contributed to the success of this great event that it may be a little difficult to properly express the sincere thanks and gratitude of the Association to them, but here goes and if I overlook anyone please forgive me. Registration Committee, Jerry Commers, John Kolb, Gordy Miller, Dennis Munson, John Sniker and Milt Wiley. To all the active members that served on the various Committees. To the R. L. Gould Co, Minnesota Toro, M. T. Wiley and Turf Supply for sponsoring the entertainment at the Stag and Banquet. To Par Aide for sponsoring cocktails at the Annual Tournament. To the Arrangement Committee for arranging to have such an outstanding group of speakers and we thank each and everyone of you for taking the time to be with us and for presenting such interesting and educational talks.

THANK YOU Andy Allen, Dr. Eliot Roberts, Dr. Don White, Gordon Witteveen, Dr. Ward Steinstra, Jim Latham, James Beard, Carl Schwartzkopf, Dale Atkinson and Dr. David French. You gentlemen made an outstanding contribution to our Conference. We regret that Lee Record could not make it and we hope he will be with us at our 1974 Conference.

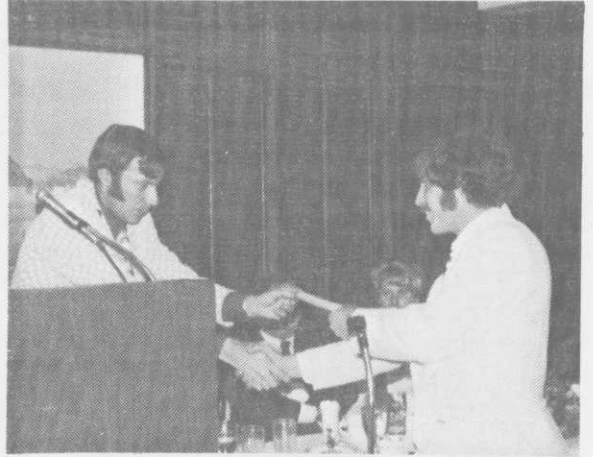
JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held at the Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, Minnesota, Monday, January 14, 1974. It would be well to plan to be there at 1:30 P.M. as Host George Jennrich, Superintendent at Woodhill has many things planned for your enjoyment, such as trap shooting, broom ball, skating, cards, etc. and, of course, all this fun will be followed by a dinner and business meeting. It should be an important meeting as no doubt President Vetter will have reports of past meetings, information on the GCSAA meeting in Anaheim in February and probably some committee appointments for 1974. So, come early and stay late.

MGCSA SCHOLARSHIP

Pictured is President Larry Vetter presenting a scholarship in Turf Management to Tom Brown. Tom is a senior at the University of Minnesota in Turf Management and a part time employee at the Mendakota C. C. working under the supervision and guidance of Harold Stodola, the Golf Course Superintendent at Mendakota. Tom has a couple of quarters left before receiving his degree. After completing his education at the University he would like to locate in the northern part of the state and apply his training and education as a Golf Course Superintendent.

Tom was recently married and in addition to securing a position as superintendent he would like to get in some fishing and hunting with his bride. Both are outdoors people. Good Luck, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.



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By Michael Klatte, Superintendent, Owatonna Municipal Golf Course

Owatonna is a quiet city located in the farm land area in Southern Minnesota. It is a very progressive city which, among other things, produces its own energy and power through the Owatonna Power Plant. The population is 15,341 and it is proud of its 41 businesses.

Golf has become a major sport in Owatonna. There are three courses in this city of beautiful parks. There is the Municipal Course owned and operated by the City, the Owatonna Country Club and the Havana Hills Course (a par 3 course owned and built by one of the better known Golf Course Superintendents in the State, Ray Hill, who is also the Superintendent at the Minnetonka Country Club in Excelsior, Minnesota). Owatonna with its three courses has become the mecca for most of the golfers of Steele County.

Some 10,000 acres of land drains through the Municipal Course by way of Maple Creek. Every spring the course gives way to unbelievable flooding. This past spring has been no exception. In April a "Flash Flood" swept through the course, pushing the facilities to the limits of self-existence.

There have been a number of things done to stop erosion and flooding, but success in solving the problem has been very limited.



The April storm which caused the "Flash Flood" yielded some 8-10 inches of rain in 24 hours. The creek did not reach its full crest until after the second day. The damage and loss afterwards was very severe. Five of the eight bridges were washed out and there was silt, mud and debris laying all over the place. The news media was very helpful in getting the story to the citizens of Owatonna and to the members of the Club which resulted in several people coming out over the following weekend to help clean up the course and repair the damaged bridges. The Owatonna Street Department was also very helpful and cooperative. They loaned us a tractor with front-end loader to pick up sand and silt piles laying on the fairways. After the damaged bridge abutments were rebuilt or repaired it was necessary to haul in fill to place against the abutments for support.

Things were cleaned up and the course was put back in shape for play. However, that was not the complete answer. Every time it rained thereafter during the summer additional damage was done. This meant that something more permanent must be done. A study was made and several solutions were proposed. It was decided to dig a reservoir with a channel outlet to the creek. This would replace the old plan of a 45 foot, 12 inch culvert across the fairway and a grass waterway draining into the creek. The help of the City Engineering Department was enlisted and a channel 20 feet wide and 2 feet in depth was dug where the old waterway system ran. A reservoir was dug inland on the opposite side of the fairway which will hold large volumes of water. A high bank was built on the side facing the fairway which will keep the water in the reservoir and off of the fairway. Tile lines will be installed where needed



for drainage to the creek, the area will be filled in, smoothed by covering the bad spots with rich top soil mixture resembling native soil, the area seeded and it is hoped that this will greatly improve the condition at the Municipal Course

GREENS' CLIPPINGS

Among the new applicants recently accepted for membership in the MGCSA was Ade Simonson of the Sundance Golf Course. Ade is a fine golfer having won the MGA Amateur twice and was runner-up in the Minnesota State Open four or five times. We hope Ade will play in the 1974 MGCSA Championship. If he does and your Editor can secure a special dispensation to play, a couple of the defending champions will have to look to their laurels to retain their honors - Larry Vetter, the present Champion and John Lightfoot with the title of the worst player in the tournament. Ade will surely challenge Larry and I will give John all he can handle to retain his title.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Mr. Gordon Miller of the R. L. Gould Company is handling arrangements for the group flight to the GCSAA 45th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, Anaheim, California, February 10-15, 1974. The group will leave the airport shortly after noon, February 10th, following a little going-away party. Mr. Miller will mail a letter to all those that have made reservations, giving full details.

TO THOSE THAT HAVE NOT YET MADE RESERVATION, IT IS NOT TOO LATE. YOU CAN MAKE A RESERVATION IF YOU WILL CONTACT MR. MILLER IMMEDIATELY, AND DEFINITELY NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 5TH. WITH CONDITIONS AS THEY ARE, WITH FLIGHTS CANCELLED ETC., A RESERVATION CANNOT BE HANDLED AFTER THE DEADLINE, JANUARY 5TH.

Mr. Miller can be contacted at the R. L. Gould Company, 3711 Lexington Avenue North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55412 - Phone (612) 484-8411.

RULES OF GOLF SYMPOSIUM

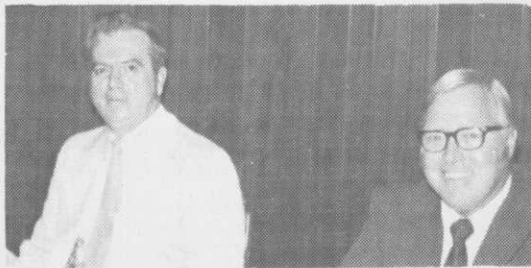
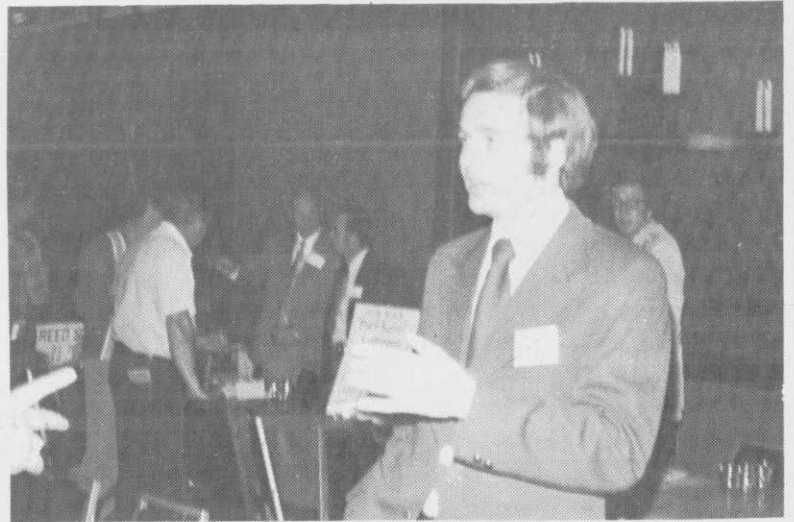
The Minnesota Section of the Professional Golf Association of America will hold a Rules of Golf Symposium at the Sheraton Motor Inn, 2525 East 78th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota, Thursday, January 17, 1974, 8:30 A.M. The members of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association are invited to attend. This presents an excellent opportunity for the superintendents, who are deeply involved in the rules of golf, particularly in connection with tournament golf, to brush up on the rules

It is a tremendous advantage in preparing a course for tournament play to be familiar with these rules. You will have the opportunity to hear one of the best informed men in the United States on the Rules of Golf. Mr. Joe Black, the head professional at the Brookhaven Country Club, Dallas, Texas will be the guest speaker. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. Walter Gardner, a member of the PGA and on the PGA Rules Committee. Mr. Black is also Chairman of the PGA Rules Committee, a consultant to the USGA on the Rules of Golf, was Tournament Director at the PGA Championship at the Canterbury Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio, this year. It is hoped you will take advantage of this splendid opportunity. The Committee requests advance reservations. If you intend to attend, please phone your Editor at (612) 922-6414 and leave word. For any additional details call Walt Gardner - Business Phone 435-5812, Home 831-8564.

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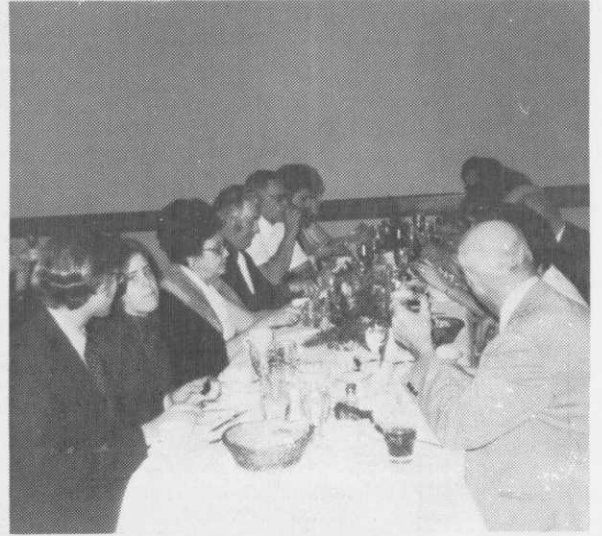


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One of the outstanding features of the program at the Annual Turf Conference was the "Bull Session." It gave everyone in attendance the opportunity to have a good visit with their fellow Superintendents, Representative of their Suppliers and just visiting and they really took advantage of the opportunity. The pictures will support my statement.

At the business meeting during the conference there was the election of officers and new directors. The election of the officers and directors is covered in the article on the December meeting. We cannot forget the retiring officers and Directors for their time and effort during their term or terms of service. Bob Feser of the Medina Course, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, did an outstanding job and the Association extends their sincere thanks and gratitude to Bob for giving so unselfishly the time required to carry out the duties of the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the MGCSA.

The two retiring Directors are Kurt Erdman, Superintendent, Rochester Golf and Country Club and John Fuller, Superintendent, Midland Hills Country Club. These Gentlemen have served the Association faithfully in various capacities for several years. This past year Kurt was chairman of arrangements and John as Chairman of Membership. Both did an outstanding job and will be missed at Board Meetings. Although they will not attend the Board Meetings, except on invitation, both of them have said they will continue to be active and available for consultation if necessary. These two gentlemen, like Bob Feser, are devoted people and we love them and wish them the best.


Another impressive thing about the conference was the attendance. There was a full house on all three days and this is a compliment to the committee in charge. It means it was well organized and extremely interesting and gives future committees something to shoot at.

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