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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SCOTT HOFFMANN, CGCS

As we pass the gavel from Doug Mahal to myself, I would like to take time to thank all our members for entrusting me with the custody of the Association's business for the coming year. I am fortunate to follow a fine leader in Doug Mahal and look forward to working with an experienced and dedicated Board of Directors. These gentlemen will, I am sure, help to make the transition a smooth one.

With this year's annual conference fresh in our minds, it may be a good time for all to jot down those ideas and suggestions that may make next year's conference even better. Remember the board welcomes your input on not only the conference but on any other matter as well, and we remain as close as your phone. This year's conference chairmen, Jim Nicol, Rick Fredericksen and Fred Anderson, should be praised for the outstanding conference they provided us with this year. If you missed the annual banquet and casino night you lost out on one of the best attended and most well received events in recent memory. Hopefully, we can make this casino night an annual event.

Maybe it's the greenhouse effect, but it seems as though in recent years we have been blessed with the rare opportunity to play golf at our November meeting. This year was no exception. Thanks to Tom Natzel and Burl Country Club for providing us very fine November golfing conditions. Also, thanks once again, to Long Lake Ford for hosting our dinner meeting and complimentary cocktails at Billy's Lighthouse.

Coming up Monday, January 11 we will once again be at Woodhill Country Club for our January meeting. This event is always well attended, giving our members a chance to stretch their winter muscles on the paddle tennis courts or for the adventurous a chance to take those hockey skates out of mothballs. For those of us who prefer less strenuous forms of relaxation, relief will be provided in the form of cards, conversation and camaraderie.

Hope to see you at this year's GCSAA Conference and Show in Houston and in the meantime, enjoy a Happy Holiday Season.

TURF CONFERENCE ENTERS SEVENTH DECADE

by Rick Fredericksen
Conference Co-Chairman

The MGCSA held its 60th Annual Turf Conference and business meeting at the St. Paul Radisson Hotel the first week of December. I would like to thank my co-chairmen Fred Anderson and Jim Nicol for their extra effort in making this conference one of our very best. Being in the center of downtown St. Paul during the holiday season adds excitement to the event and makes for an entertaining atmosphere. Our thanks also are extended to the people of the Radisson Hotel who were very professional and hospitable.

Things got off to a very smooth start at the registration tables thanks to Barb Glader and Sharon Anderson who worked diligently to see that everyone was signed up and informed. Special thanks also go to Barb and husband Kerry for the handsome name badges given out this year. Nice touch!



ENTER AND SIGN IN PLEASE - Computerized registration and name tags got us off to a fast start.

Wednesday's full slate of programs began with the Service School Session chaired by Bob Fredericks of MTI. MTI's Dan Carpenter and LeRoy Young spoke on Hydraulics and Irrigation Pump Maintenance.

Over 230 people signed up for the Pesticide Session chaired by Daytona's Tom McCann. This session featured Wayne Dally, John True and Dr. Ward Stienstra of the University of Minnesota. Dally reviewed new pesticide regulations, methods of storage, transportation and disposal and public relations ideas. True updated us on safety, environmental considerations and application methods. Dr. Stienstra helped us understand the complicated world of pesticide labeling. As in the past, attendance at this session qualified for recertification of application licensing by virtue of their participation.

Following lunch we moved to the general session. Out-



MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. SPEAKER - Jack Kane (R) was our main speaker Wednesday afternoon.

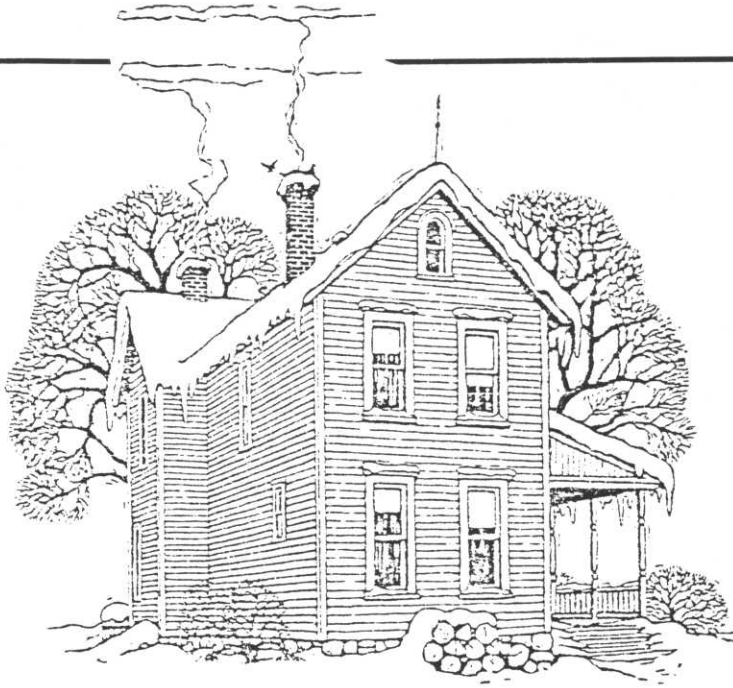
going President Doug (Taj) Mahal welcomed keynote speaker Jack Kane who talked for two hours on the personal demands of communication and leadership. We heard about introverts, extroverts and how to deal betwixt and between the many personalities we encounter in our business. Wednesday closed with the business meeting at 3:00 p.m. A unanimous ballot was cast for our new President Scott Hoffman of Madden's in Brainerd. Scott brings a wealth of talent to this position and we all wish him great success in continuing the solid progressive tradition of MGCSA. Our new V.P. is Keith Scott of Oak Ridge. Tom Fischer of Edinburgh USA is our new treasurer and Fred Anderson of Purple Hawk will be secretary for 1988. Elected to serve on the board were Dan Hanson of Minikahda, Stillwater's Kevin Clunis and Tom McCann of Daytona.

Thursday began with the traditional prayer breakfast featuring Monty Sholund. The General Session Chairman, Greg Hubbard (Manitou Ridge), welcomed Dr. Phil Larson from the U of M Plant Pathology Department and



DR. IN THE HOUSE - Dr. Phil Larson spoke on Summer Patch Disease.

Dr. Houston Couch of Virginia Tech. Their topics were Summer Patch Disease and related research. Also featured was Brian Sylva (Guido to his friends at Interlachen) who supplied us with ideas on designing and constructing bunkers. Sylva was also on hand Friday to show



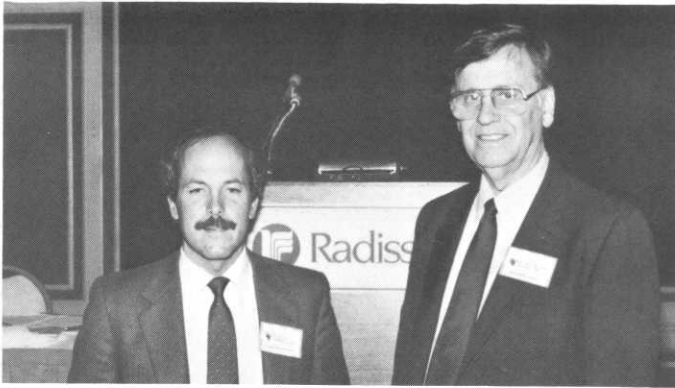
During this festive Christmas Season, it is a pleasure to send Holiday Greetings to good friends and customers.

We sincerely hope that the warmth of this Holy Season will remain with you throughout the New Year.

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EXPERT ADVICE - Golf Course Architect Brian Sylva (L) and Dr. Houston Couch highlighted the 2nd day.

some great slides of the Captains Course he designed on Cape Cod. Thursday afternoon we got an update on the GCSAA from William Roberts of Stevens Points Sports Center. We were pleased to hear our national organization is now almost 7500 members strong. Thanks to Steve Schumacher (Hastings) for his efforts on this session. 45 exhibitor tables and the always popular Bull Session rounded out the day.



SMELL THE FLOWERS - William Roberts, GCSAA director from Stevens Point Sports Center gave us a national update.

Kevin Clunis put together our Friday a.m. session which featured the U of M's Dr. Donald White updating his Poa annua study. The afternoon session saw former MGCSA member Mark Smith return for a presentation on Winter Overseeding in the South. It turns out to be a chore we can appreciate having to live without. The afternoon also featured a new session called Best Turf Tips of 1987. Chris Hague, Dan Hanson, Howard Kaerwar and Brad Klein led us through this very interesting hour. Thanks to Bill Whitworth for chairing the afternoon session.

The Friday night banquet is always the highlight of the conference but this year it was very special. Mrs. Harold Stodola was on hand to present scholarships to three students in honor of her husband, Harold. I needn't remind anyone of the tremendous contribution to our association, and indeed to our entire profession, made by this great man. We were all touched by Jerry Murphy's moving tribute to Harold and were honored and pleased

to have Mrs. Stodola make the presentations to Jeff Anderson and Dave Simeon of the University of Minnesota and Jeff Major of Michigan State. Harold's dedication to education now lives on and we thank all past and future contributors to the scholarship fund.



MEMORIES AND FUTURE DREAMS - Mrs. Harold Stodola presents scholarships to Dave Simeon (L) and Jeff Anderson of the U of M.

The conference ended with a gala Casino Night featuring horse racing, roulette, black jack and a host of other games which left all of us thankful we were playing with funny money. I close by thanking Doug Mahal for his outstanding year of service as president and wishing the best to his successor Scott Hoffmann. The torch has been passed and our association looks stronger than ever.

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MORE CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Russ Adams of Bolstad University Golf Club receives his 25 year service award from outgoing President Doug Mahal.



Club President and Life Member, Jim Madden (R) came to see his Superintendent Scott Hoffmann assume the Presidency of MGCSA.



Other 25 year awards went to Jim Lindblad, Wayzata Country Club and Glen Rasmussen of MTI.



Chris Hague of Hazeltine (L) received the \$250 door prize from last years winner, Keith Scott.



35 year service awards were presented to Robert Gerding of Par Aide (L) and Jim Cox of Long Lake Ford.



Casino Night was a huge success although no one pictured here appeared to have the winning number.



EDITOR'S CORNER

BRAD KLEIN, CGCS

After another season of drought, pythium and then an unusually long fall the annual conference came and went. Many things were accomplished, not the least of which was seeing old friends and acquaintances. The annual conference was very successful not only because of an excellent slate of speakers and topics but because of the interest shown by the membership by being there. If you missed this year, don't disappoint your friends and miss next year. Remember the old saying, "Outa sight, outa mind".

Back on November 2 we had what must be considered the finest weather for a monthly meeting at Burl Country Club. The weather reminded many of the British Isles but the golf was great along with the temperature. Thanks go to Tom Natzel and his crew at Burl and Long Lake Ford for hors d'oeuvres at Billy's Lighthouse.

This is my first editorial for HOLE NOTES and please bear with me. I hope to add a few new features in future issues to retain your interest. The first new feature will be a column entitled "So, Who Cares". It will be a question and answer thing dealing with up-coming problems and events.

I have no intention of harping at people for articles in the future. We can get articles from many sources but then HOLE NOTES no longer truly represents the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents. To take a saying from the computer business, "Garbage in, garbage out". Try and help me make HOLE NOTES a true barometer of the professionalism that our membership possesses.

NEW MEMBERS: We are pleased to announce 10 new members who joined during the annual conference.

- Patrick Jasper, Class A, Chippewa Falls, WI
- Roger L. Hanson, Class BII, Austin Country Club
- Jeffery Backstrom, Class C, Anoka AVTI
- Scott Melby, Class C, Anoka AVTI
- Mike Albus, Class D, Edinburgh USA
- Todd Grimm, Class D, Fargo Country Club
- Tom Dawson, Class F, Carlson Lake State
- Linias Langer, Class F, Carlson Lake State
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GENE SARAZEN RECEIVES OLD TOM MORRIS AWARD

Legendary golfer Gene Sarazen has been selected to receive the Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Sarazen is the sixth recipient of the award, one of golf's most prestigious.

The award will be presented to Sarazen on February 8, 1988 at the banquet closing GCSAA's 59th International Golf Course Conference and Show, which begins February 1 in Houston.

The announcement was made October 9 during the GCSAA Board of Directors fall meeting in Houston.

GCSAA President Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, said, "All golf course superintendents can be proud of Sarazen's selection for this most prestigious award. Mr. Sarazen's accomplishments and contributions to the game are numerous and outstanding."

Sarazen joins Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, Gerald Ford, Patty Berg and Robert Trent Jones, Sr. as recipients of the coveted honor.

"Old Tom contributed to the game through a continuing, selfless commitment, and Mr. Sarazen has demonstrated that same dedication and inspiration throughout his career," Hearn said. "The game is better because of Gene Sarazen."

Sarazen was the first of only four men to win all four of golf's major events. In addition to being the 1935 Masters Champion and the 1932 British Open victor, Sarazen won the US Open twice and the PGA Championship three times.

Additionally, he was the first advisory staff member for a major sporting goods company, a relationship that has been in force since 1923. Since his championship playing days, he also has done public relations work for various companies. Sarazen's development of the sand wedge is considered to be one of the greatest contributions to the game.

The 85-year old Sarazen continues to be actively involved in promoting golf by sponsoring the Gene Sarazen Jun Classic in Japan and working with the Sarazen Scholars at Siena College.

One of golf's first greats, Old Tom Morris was a greenkeeper, golf professional, club and ball maker, golf course architect and accomplished player who won four British Open championships between 1861 and 1867. At the Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews, Scotland, Old Tom

gained worldwide fame, boosting the popularity of golf throughout the British Isles and in many other parts of the world.

An international golf audience, including representatives of every major golf association, will be on hand for the 1988 banquet ceremonies. The banquet attendance is expected to exceed 2,000.

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NEWS FORM GCSAA

NEW CGCS

Richard G. Fredricksen has successfully completed the requirements of the GCSAA Certification Program. Rick has earned the right to use the title, Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS), and all the privileges and honors associated with this title.

NEW TO GCSAA

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize John C. Granholt, Rick Krause, Michael J. Brower, and Thomas McCann of the MGCSA as new members of the GCSAA.

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The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association earnestly requests your help in locating the following Life Members:

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POSITION AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at the Stillwater Country Club, Stillwater, Minnesota.

Stillwater Country Club is an 18-hole private golf club.

The assistant superintendent's position is one of a learning process as to further the needs and goals of the applicant toward a career in the field of turf management. The duties include supervising staff, implementing pesticide and fertilization program, scheduling maintenance activities and staff, and assisting the mechanic.

A turf education (or presently attending) and some golf course experience is required. Salary and benefits are negotiable.

Send resume to:
Kevin Clunis, Golf Course Superintendent
1421 North 4th Street
Stillwater, MN 55082
Phone 612/439-7760.

Deadline for receiving resumes: February 13, 1988.

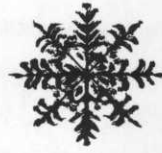
1988 MGCSA Monthly Meeting Calendar

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| March 7 | Majestic Oaks Golf Club
Mini-Seminar |
| April 11 | Faribault Golf and Country Club |
| May 9 | Stillwater Country Club |
| June 20 | Tartan Park Golf Club
Golf 12:00 noon.
Annual Picnic 5:00 p.m. |
| July 11 | Northland Country Club |
| August 15 | Rochester Golf & Country Club
MGCSA Golf Championship
Dinner Meeting |
| September 19 | St. Cloud Country Club, 4th Annual
Harold Stodola Research Scramble
Dinner Meeting |
| October 3 | Rolling Green Country Club |
| November 7
(Tentative) | North Oaks Golf Club
Dinner Meeting |





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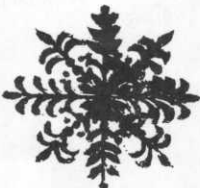


Greetings

During the year, in the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange cordial greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill we value so highly.

In this spirit it is our pleasure to say "Thank You" and extend our sincere appreciation for the very pleasant association we enjoy with you.

May a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and to yours.



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