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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's A Good Time To Say Thanks To So Many of You



It is indeed a great honor for me to once again serve you as your president. I filled some size 12 shoes when my good friend, Mr. Fred Anderson, Jr., left this profession and our Board of Directors to pursue greener pastures. I cannot say enough about Fred and how much he is missed. Thank you for this opportunity once again, Fred, and you, the membership.

It was a definite learning experience to have served as vice-president, Research Committee chair, Conference & Education Committee chair, president-elect, golf course superintendent and husband/father during this past year. The 62nd Annual Turf Conference came together without a hitch, although it was a little shaky to start with.

I would like to thank the Conference Committee for its hard work and time spent on detail. Our conference continues to excel and improve every year.

Because of the continued growth and feeling of being squeezed-in, the Board of Directors has committed to a new, nearby hotel location for the 1990 Annual Conference.

The Northland Inn, just about one mile west of the Sheraton Northwest on I-694 and Boone Ave. in Brooklyn Park, will give us ample breathing and elbow room to entertain future growth. Expenditures will be close to what we have had in the past couple of years, and we do not anticipate any large registration cost increases.

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With the 1990 Board of Directors in place, I would like to mention that I have appointed Steve Schumacher from Hastings Country Club as director to fill the vacancy created when Andy Lindquist resigned from the Board. I know Steve will be a dedicated director and serve the association well.

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It was a pleasure and honor to present our first Annual Distinguished Service Awards to Dr. James Watson and "Uncle" Milt Wiley. We should all feel a certain pride to be in such grand company as these fine gentlemen.

I also would like to thank outgoing directors Scott Hoffman, Dan Hanson, Andy Lindquist and Mike Netzel for their ideas, support and direction. I can only hope that their inspiration will dedicate others to participate in the running of your association. Thank You!

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Our next meeting will be January 8 at Woodhill Country Club for some R & R, and I know that new superintendent Rick Fredericksen will stop at nothing to treat us well. For those of you attending the GCSAA National Conference in Orlando, have a safe trip and I hope to see you there.

— Kerry Glader CGSA
President



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SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

When You Add It All Up, Our 62nd Turf Conference Was A Huge Success

The 62nd Annual MGCSA Turf Conference was an outstanding success. Pre-registration numbers were up significantly over the previous year. Your registration table committee thanks all of you for this fine effort. It does make everything run a lot smoother.

Average attendance was 371 per day. Wednesday had 376, Thursday 416 and Friday 320. Friday evening's Banquet and Casino Night was exceptionally well-attended with 263 present. They were treated to a tremendous dinner and night of fun at the tables.

Several awards were presented to honored individuals at the banquet. **Fred Taylor**, assistant superintendent at Mankato Country Club, was presented the first Annual James Watson Journalism Award for his "Hole Notes" article, "Board Silly." Several "Service Awards" were given honorary mention.

Larry Mueller, Minnesota Valley Club; Dick Wise, Oxbow Country Club; Tom Stelter Como Park Golf Club, and Jim Wodash, Willmar Golf Club, were all presented with 25-year plaques.

John Beyer, Brainerd, was given a plaque for 35 years and Gordy Miller, North Star Turf, was presented with his most prestigious FORTY-YEAR plaque. Our congratulations go out to these men for their untiring dedication and service to this profession and industry. **The 1989 Harold Stodola Scholarship** recipients — Nancy O'Connor, attending Horrey-Georgetown Technical College, and Mike Mohnstingl, a student at Anoka Technical Institute were introduced by Scholarship Committee Chairman Rick Fredericksen. Each gave sincere



1989-90 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS are, from left, Kerry Glader, St. Cloud Country Club, president; Tom Fischer, Edinburgh U.S.A., vice-president; Jim Nicol, Bunker Hills, treasurer, and Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill Country Club, secretary.

thanks to this association for the scholarships they received.

Finally, our highest honors went to Mr. Milt Wiley and Dr. James Watson, as we presented them our first Annual Distinguished Service Awards. Their dedication and service to our profession, industry and association will be forever instilled in our history. It was truly a night to be remembered.

A respectable slate of speakers was presented and well-accepted by conference attendants. Although the "Pesticide Session" was

basically repetitive from years past, it's the law. **Golf Professional Bill Israelson** spoke to our group during the Thursday morning Fellowship Breakfast, with many interested in where his life's experiences have taken him.

Several new speakers to our conference included Dr. Bruce Branham, Michigan State University; Oscar Miles, CGCS, superintendent at Butler National Golf Club; Jerry Faubel, CGCS, vice-president of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America and superintendent at Saginaw CC; Art Wick, vice-president at Lesco Company; Don Sellinger, Bailey Nurseries; Phil Allen, graduate student under Dr. Don White at the University of Minnesota, and Irv Eisel, director of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

A great slate of speakers with a wide range of topics from Poa Annu Competition to Seed Germination was presented. As with the t-shirts that said "I Survived the Slide Show of 1988," new ones are on order that say "I Survived the Video of 1989." I wonder what we can come up with for 1990?

I would like to thank the Sheraton Northwest staff for its hospitality, the Education Committee for all its hard work and my best half, Barb, and her staff at the registration table. Most of all, thanks to all of you who were able to attend. In the immortal words of Dr. James Wat-



NEWLY-ELECTED DIRECTORS are, from left, John Harris, Lafayette Club; Kevin Clunis, Stillwater Country Club, and Joe Moris, Tartan Park.

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JAMES WATSON AWARD—Congratulating Fred Taylor, right, Mankato Golf Club, on winning the first annual James Watson Award for Journalism, is Kerry Glader, MGCSA president. The new award recognizes the best member-submitted article for publication in Hole Notes during the previous year before the annual convention. Taylor's article, entitled "Board Silly," was a humorous look at building assignment boards.



BEAMING during their acceptance remarks after receiving Distinguished Service awards at the 1989 MGCSA convention are Dr. James R. Watson, left, and Milt Wiley.

DR. JAMES R. WATSON "Distinguished Service Award Winner"

Dr. James R. Watson, director of agronomy at the Toro Company, is recognized as a pioneer in the field of turfgrass research.

A 1947 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in agronomy, he earned his Ph. D. at Penn State University in 1950. While at Penn State, Dr. Watson held the United States Golf Association Green Section fellowship.

Later he was an assistant professor in the Department of Agronomy at Texas A&M, then joined Toro in 1952.

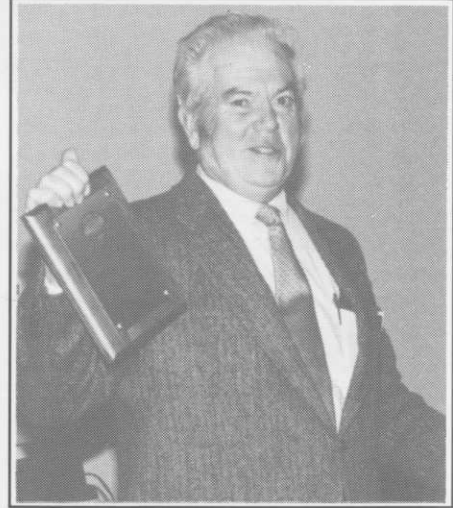
During his extensive career, Dr. Watson has conducted research on adaptability of species and cultivars of turfgrass; fertilization practices; irrigation and compaction effects on fairway turf; snowmold prevention; techniques for the winter protection of turfgrasses and similar studies.

As well as being a contributor to several standard texts on turfgrass science, Dr. Watson has authored more than 400 articles on turfgrass care and management, water conservation, cultural practices and other areas of interest to the green industry.

In his position as vice president/customer relations with Toro, his work encompasses the areas of equipment development and evaluation, customer relations and agronomic consultation. As a frequent lecturer at national and international turfgrass conferences, he is a leading exponent of the critical need to conserve water, utilize waste waters and evaluate the role of water in turfgrass care and management, as well as the need for development and use of drought and salinity tolerant turfgrasses.

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AWARDS BRING SEVERAL SMILES



HAPPILY DISPLAYING his 40-year award presented at the 1989 convention is Gordon Miller, North Star Turf.

MILT WILEY

"Distinguished Service Award Winner"

Milt Wiley, affectionately known as "Uncle Milt," has been involved in golf course work throughout his entire career.

Previous to moving to Minnesota, he attended Penn State University and was vice president of the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents Association in 1949.

Wiley moved to Minnesota in 1952 after accepting the position of superintendent at Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata. He later became vice-president in charge of sales at MTI, then took charge of construction at the Executive Club, now Hazeltine National in Chaska. Subsequently, he was appointed superintendent of Hazeltine, then general manager.

After several tournaments and the 1970 U.S. Open at the Chaska course, he started the M.T. Wiley Company, now known as Landscape and Turf.

Semi-retired and "enjoying it very much," he still works part-time for Landscape and Turf and is a director of the O.J. Noer Foundation, which grants funding for turf research.

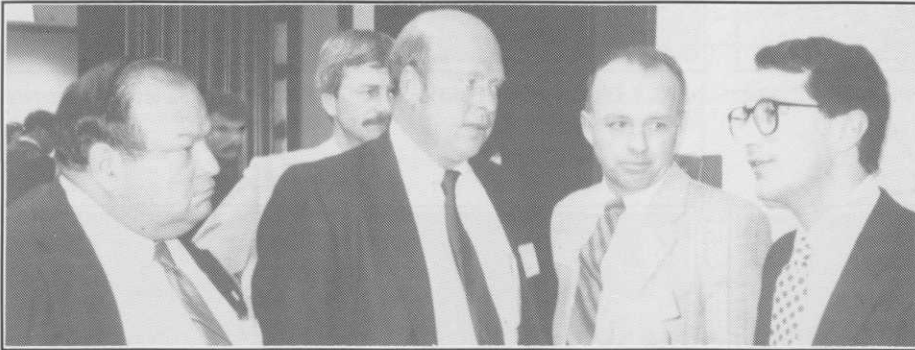
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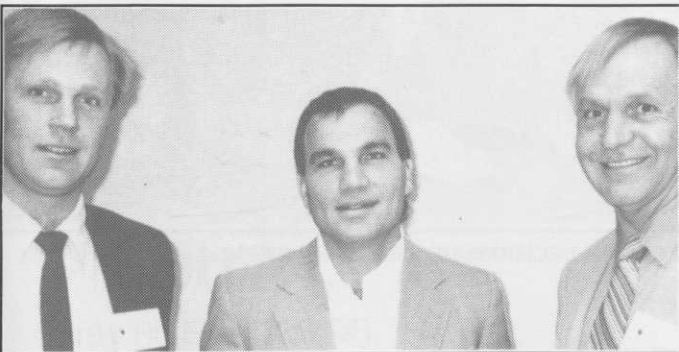
Attentive crowd filled meeting room.



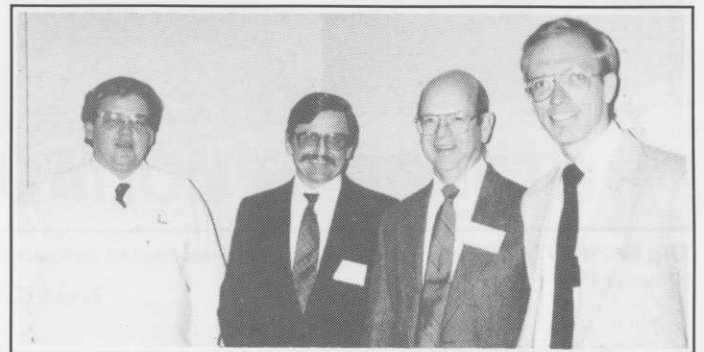
SPEAKERS Wayne Dally, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, left, and David Myers, right, law firm of Rinke, Noonan, Grote and Smolley, Ltd., chat with Greg Hubbard, second from left, and Joe Moris, two program leaders.



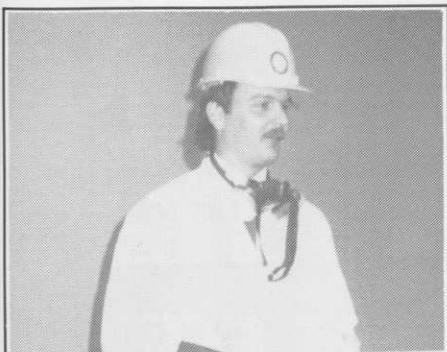
Dr. Ward Stienstra
University of Minnesota



BILL ISRAELSON, center, gave a thought-provoking speech about his life at the Friday morning breakfast. With him are Kevin Clunis, left, program chairman, and Bill Johnson, *Hole Notes* editor.



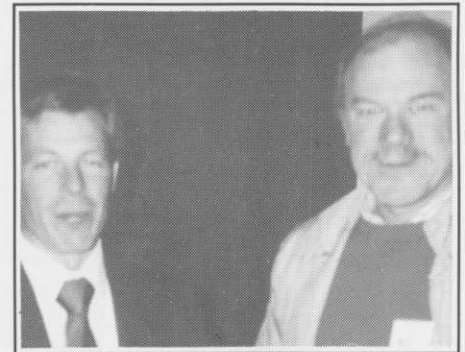
PREPARING FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS with Dale Wysocki, left, are, from left, Irv Eisel, University of Minnesota; Don Sellinger, Bailey Nurseries, Inc., and Phil Allen, University of Minnesota.



Jim Cink
University of Minnesota



Oscar Miles
Butler National Golf Club



CHATTING about his presentation are speaker Don Pennings, Lake Management Company, right and John Harris, program chairman.

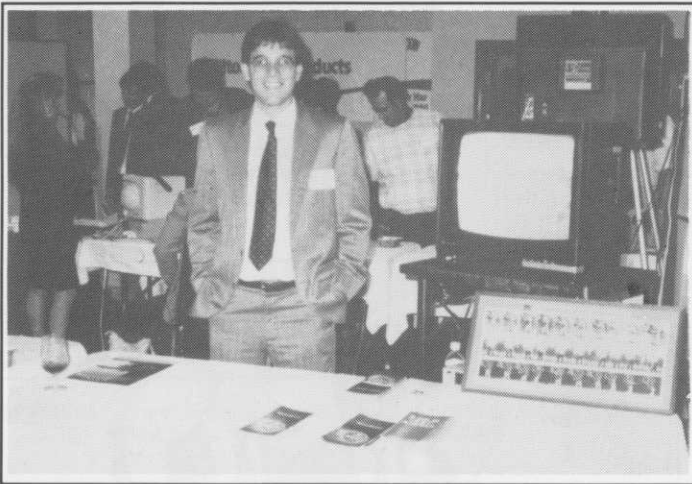
It Really Was A Great Time for Smiles and Socializing



PAST PRESIDENTS, from left, are Jim Lindblad, Dale Caldwell and John Nylund.



NANCY O'CONNOR RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP from MGCSA Secretary Rick Fredericksen



THE MINNESOTA PGA was represented by Joe Malone, assistant professional at Bunker Hills.



DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS are being pondered at Casino Night.



REVIEWING THE PROGRAM, from left, are Jim Nicol, Scott Hoffman and Tom Fischer.



PAUSING during their hectic three days are new MGCSA President Kerry Glader and his wife, Barb, the focal point at registration.

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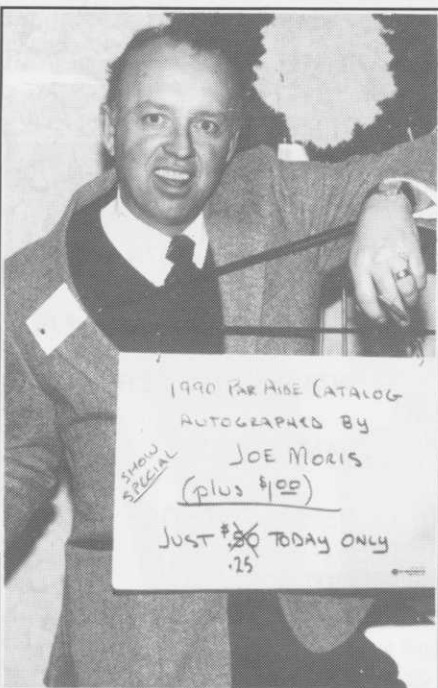
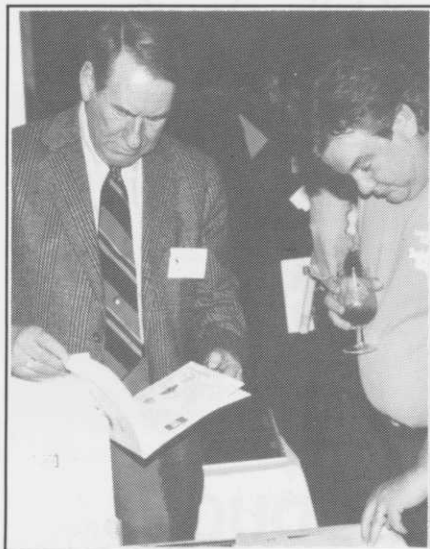
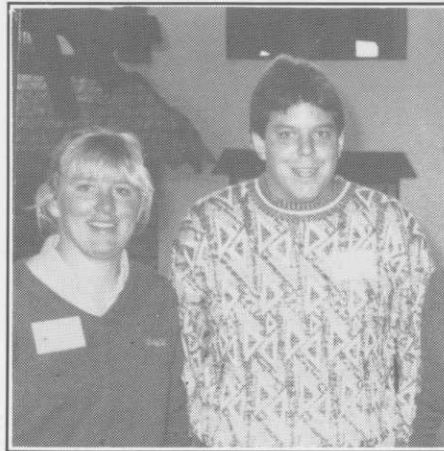
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David Sime		D	Mankato Golf Club
Herman C. Roerick		F	Interstate Landscape Supply
James Wiebye		F	Milona Turf Products

NEW MEMBERS—NOVEMBER 29

Bryan Wood	Class	F	Commercial Turf Equipment
Jerry Pomerening		F	Toro Co.
Wayne Schwanz		F	Mogren Bros.
Mitch Regal		F	Mogren Bros.
N. Howard Brant Jr.		F	H & J Marketing Inc.
Richard Stiers		F	Land Care Equipment
Randy Juliar		A	Mississippi National Golf Links
John McCarthy		A	Sawmill Golf Club
John Pierson		A	Sundance Golf & Bowl
Tom Haugen		A	Stonebrooke Golf Club
David Krueger		B	Crow River Country Club
Keith Froemming		B	Crow River Country Club
Chris Hasbrouck		BII	Daytona Country Club
Mark Severson		BII	Rum River Hills Golf Club
Jerry Riley		BII	Parkview Golf Club
Dennis Farber		BII	Mendota Heights Par 3
Richard Skjonsby		C	Burl Oaks Golf Club
Eric Rosenberg		C	Bois de Sioux Golf Club

RECLASSIFICATION

Dean Spencer	BII to B	Edinburgh USA
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REINSTATEMENTS

Kevin Froeming	Crow River Country Club
Mike Davies	Lutsen Golf Club
Charles Hibbs	Minnesota Valley Club
Kim Sandvig	Majestic Oaks Golf Course
Joel Collura	Moorhead Country Club
Steven Ross	Brackett's Crossing

NEW MEMBERS—DECEMBER 12

Myron Malenke	Class	F	Malenke Water Services
D'Wight Pierson		F	Grace-Sierra Horticultural Company

Greg Hubbard, Membership Chairman