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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

MGCSA Board Decisions Are Based On Membership Concerns



It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as president of one of the leading associations in the golf course industry. Our association is a leader because it is represented by individuals committed to funding research, continuing education and environmental issues. The board of directors has always been a progressive leader in recognizing forthcoming issues that involve our membership. The decisions the board makes, and the funds allocated, are based on membership concerns as a whole.

Our appreciation for their work on the board goes to outgoing officer Jim Nicol and directors Joe Moris and John Harris. Their insight, support and inspiration provided leadership for our association as we are challenged by ever-changing issues.

I would like to welcome Doug Mahal back onto the board as our secretary. Doug served on the board of directors from 1984 to 1988, and was our president in 1987. Serving on the board takes a considerable amount of time, and we appreciate the commitment Doug and our other board members, past and present, have made.

The Northland Inn was host to an excellent 64th Annual Turf Conference. Shane Andrews and his committee did a thorough job and saw that every detail was met.

The Past-Presidents' Meeting held Wednesday evening after the Annual Meeting was an informative opportunity for past presidents to provide a critique and ask questions of both Tom Fischer and myself. Many of the items covered that evening will be reviewed and implemented during the forthcoming year.

If you purchased an MGCSA Lapel Pin and did not attend the Annual Banquet, you probably have not heard the rest of the story. Mike Leitner has served on the Scholarship Committee for three years and wanted to help increase the fund for scholarships. He purchased the 200 pins and donated them for sale with all proceeds going into the scholarship fund. Thank you, Mike. If you are interested in purchasing a lapel pin, contact the association office.

Also at the Annual Banquet, Steve Garske donated \$1,000 to the MGCSA Scholarship Fund to be given annually in memory of his father, Joe Garske. Thank you, Steve.

Looking ahead to the New Orleans Convention, the caucus for the GCSAA Annual meeting will be held at 8 a.m. February 16, 1992, at the New Orleans Hilton. Check at the front desk of the Hilton for the meeting area. Jim Nicol and myself are this year's voting delegates.

The Hospitality Room at the national convention will be open Saturday evening from 6-9 p.m., February 15. A flier with details will be mailed out pertaining to this. Due to rising costs, along with increased popularity, the board voted to have a cash bar. This enables the committee to use more of the funds toward entertainment, location and food.

—Rick Fredericksen, CGCS
MGCSA President

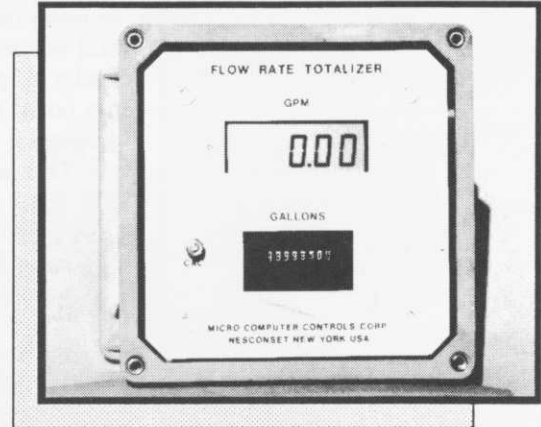
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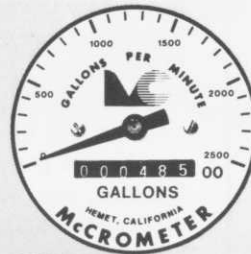


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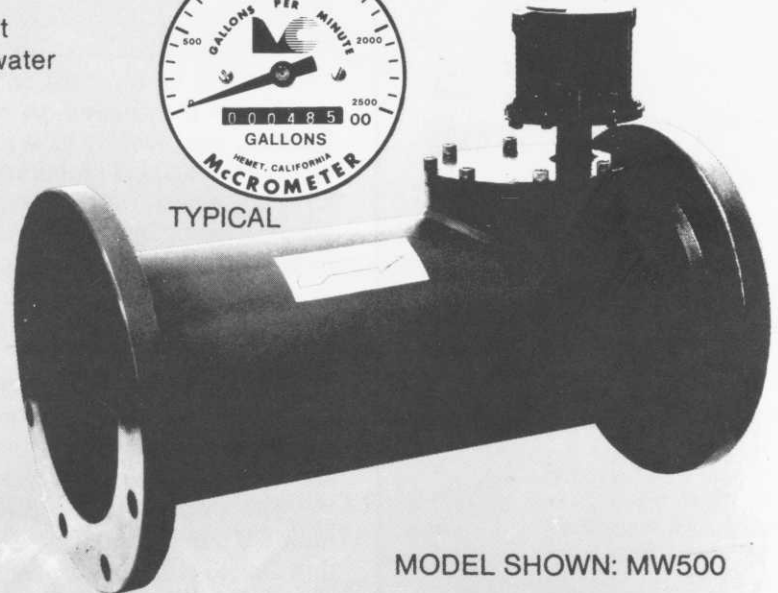
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Annual Conference Was An Enjoyable Event

Much higher attendance than expected, outstanding speakers and programs, appealing exhibits, a variety of award presentations, ample time for socializing, election of new officers and directors and well-run business sessions.

All of these activities created an enjoyable three days at the 64th Annual Conference and Business Meeting of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents'

Association November 20-22 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.

Since the annual pesticide licensing session, previously conducted at the annual conference now is held in March, MGCSA officers were a bit apprehensive about what attendance might be.

However, the daily attendance was 317 on Wednesday (November 20), 405 on

Thursday, 319 on Friday and 201 at the annual banquet Friday evening.

New officers elected at the business session were:

Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, president;

Greg Hubbard, Manitou Ridge Golf Club, vice-president;

Kevin Clunis, Stillwater Country Club, Stillwater, treasurer;

Elected directors were:

John Granholt, Eau Claire Country Club, Eau Claire, Wis.;

Bill Whitworth, Northfield Country Club, Northfield.

Doug Mahal, The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, was appointed secretary.

Outgoing directors were:

Jim Nicol, Bunker Hills Golf Course, treasurer;

Kerry Glader, an ex-officio member as immediate past president;

John Harris, Lafayette Club;

Joe Moris, Tartan Park Golf Course.

Continuing on the board as an ex-officio member is immediate past president **Tom Fischer, Edinburg USA.**

Several awards were presented:

Distinguished Service Awards went to Russ Adams, University of Minnesota golf courses; Gordy Miller, North Star Turf, and Jack Kolb, Turf Supply Co.

Scholarship plaques were presented personally to Vance J. Warner, Brainerd, and Thomas Flood, Minneapolis. Kathy Solga accepted a plaque in behalf of her husband, David, a student at Penn State. The MGCSA's fourth scholarship recipient, Chris Youngbauer, Vernadale, was unable to attend.

Thirty-year service awards were presented to Jerry Murphy, Somerset Country Club, St. Paul, and Dennis Schoenfeldt, Minnewaska Golf Club, Glenwood.

Twenty-five year plaques went to Roger Kisch, Southview Country Club, West St. Paul; Joe Moris, Tartan Park Golf Course, Lake Elmo, and Larry Vetter, Turf Management Products, Inc.

Recipient of the Dr. James Watson Journalism Award was James Gardner, Rochester Country Club.

Winners of the \$250 attendance prizes at the annual meeting were Dennis Hendrickson, Wedgewood Valley Golf Club, Woodbury, and Mike Klatte, Elm Creek Golf Club, Plymouth.

A Conference Summary . . . And Plans for Next Year

By SHANE ANDREWS
Conference Chairman

It's finally time to catch my breath. The first attempt at being conference coordinator was certainly an experience and an opportunity to sharpen one's organizational skills.

The amount of time spent at the hotel started Tuesday night and didn't end until Saturday morning, with every question and special request squeezed in between.

A number of positive comments were made to me about the Conference. One major comment was that we started later on Wednesday and we ended earlier. It certainly helped the registration process. That seemed less hectic than in years past.

The later time also helps those from out of town, enabling them to drive in Wednesday. Finishing earlier helped the business meeting attendance, which has been lacking in the past few years.

Along with the positive, there is also some negative. It seems that in coordinating the event and attending those of years past, you constantly fight repetition. It is a concern that needs consideration, but with the larger number of new members, it is important to expose them to local speakers and speakers who we, as an association, support through research. I will try to blend in some new ideas for topics for the 1992 Annual Conference. To those who have any suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me.

On Wednesday and Friday more than 300 people attended. On Thursday the number reached over 400. The trade show certainly has gotten bigger and better. Just a few years ago it was a few tables and chairs; not it seems to resemble the National Trade Show on a smaller scale. Thank you to all the associate members who participated.

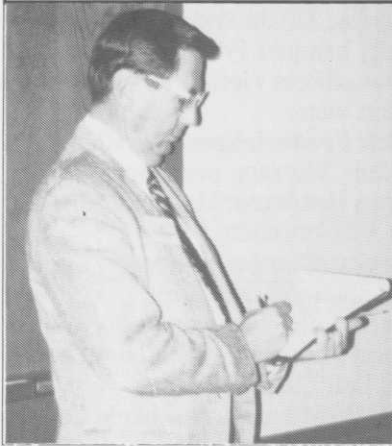
I would like to thank all the speakers who participated in our Conference. All of the information presented to us can be digested and used to better ourselves and our profession.

Thank you, too, to Glenn Rasmussen, Dan Miller and Andy Lindquist for their help with the concurrent sessions, and thanks to Jim Gardner, Tom Kientzle, John Granholt, Brad Klein and Bill Whitworth for their participation as session chairmen.

I also would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thanks to Co-Chairmen Jim Nicol and Kevin Clunis for their direction and help.

Keep the dates of November 19-20-21, 1992 open for the MGCSA's 65th Annual Turf Conference and Business Meeting.

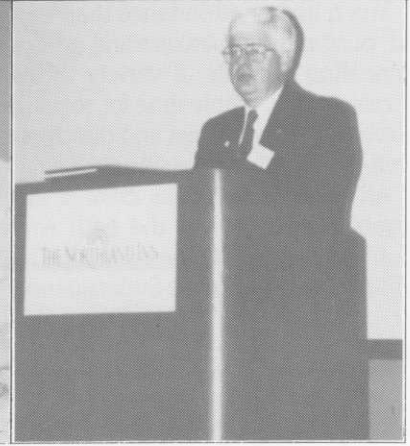
1991 Conference Featured Outstanding Speakers



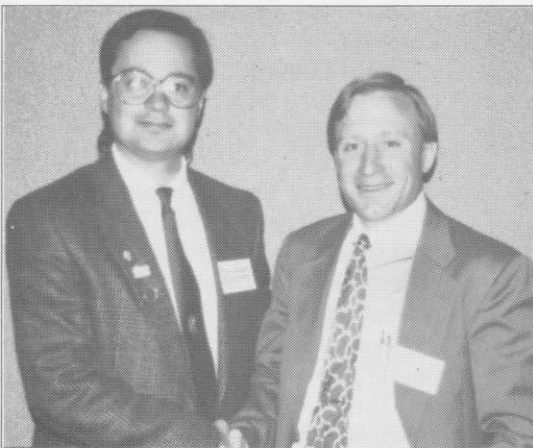
JIM LATHAM, USGA Green Section director, jots down some notes.



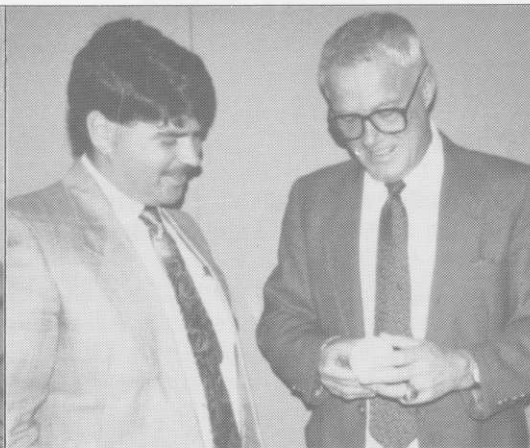
DR. JAMES R. WATSON, left, The Toro Company, enjoys a lighter moment with Larry Vetter, Turf Management Products, Inc.



DR. WARD STIENSTRA, University of Minnesota, presents a "mercury update."



BILLY GIVENS, right, Prom Catering, is welcomed by Shane Andrews, Hudson Country Club superintendent and conference chairman.



DON CASSIDY, right, representing the Minnesota Twins baseball club, discusses the finer points of a curve ball with Scott Weltzin, Pheasant Run Golf Club, Rogers.



ALEX COLE, once again, provided an entertaining program at the Friday night banquet.



RANDY NICOLS, right, GCSAA, who spoke on future issues, chats with Scott Austin, head superintendent at Midland Hills CC, St. Paul.



BOBBY GEE, right, whose motivational presentation was well received, reviews her book with Joe Moris, Tartan Park.



DR. PAUL RIEKE, right, who gave an interesting talk about golf in New Zealand, visits with Chris Hague, Hazeltine National Golf Club.

-Photos by Dale Wysocki

Introducing Rick Fredericksen, Our New President



NEW MGCSA PRESIDENT RICK FREDERICKSEN, left, head superintendent at Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, accepts the president's gavel from immediate past president Tom Fischer, head superintendent at Edinburgh U.S.A.

Rick Fredericksen, the newly-elected president of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association, wants to continue "the progress our association has enjoyed in recent years—particularly in such areas as education and environment."

Elected to the association's top position on November 20 at the MGCSA's 64th annual Turf Conference, Rick, head superintendent at Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata, has played an active role on the board of directors for the past five years.

"Tremendous strides have been made in so many of our association programs and activities for several years, and the tradition of excellence that has been built provides plenty of motivation to pursue continued progress, not only for myself but for all of our members," he said.

Rick, 35, who once wanted to study criminal justice, has been involved in golf course work since he was 13 years old.

Born in Princeton, Minn., on August 9, 1956, he was graduated from Elk River High School in 1974, where he lettered in wrestling for four years and in golf for two. At age 13 he began doing such maintenance chores as "picking up rocks" at Elk River Country Club, then assumed more responsible roles during his high school days at Elk River and two years at St. Cloud State University.

At St. Cloud, he considered that criminal justice career. However, his work at Elk River Country Club led to an assistantship under John Hopko, and the decision to enroll at Penn State University, where he earned his turf management degree in 1978.

Rick's first job was the head superintendency at Huron (S.D.) Country Club. Two years later he accepted a similar position at Rolling Green Country Club in Hamel, where he served for 10 years before becoming head superintendent at Woodhill in 1990.

Rick became a member of both the MGCSA and GCSAA in 1977. Following his election to the Board of Directors in 1986, he served as chairman of the Membership, Scholarship and Research Committees and as a member of the Education Committee.

He was elected secretary in 1989, a position he held for two years, then became vice-president a year ago. He obtained his Certified Golf Course Superintendents (CGCS) certificate in 1987.

Rick and his wife, Jackie, and their two daughters, Jodi, 11 and Sandy, 10, reside in Long Lake. He enjoys playing golf, snow skiing, water skiing and skating.

"My experience with the MGCSA for the past 14 years not only has helped me in my profession but also in making a lot of friends," he said. "I feel that what I've learned, particularly in the areas of education and environment, have been most beneficial."

"This activity has helped me to constantly stay abreast of all the issues in our profession," he said. "As president, I hope to continue the progress our association had made in these areas and hope to get as many members as active as possible. Membership activity is a big plus for both the MGCSA and the individual superintendent—but the big winner, in the long run, is the individual."



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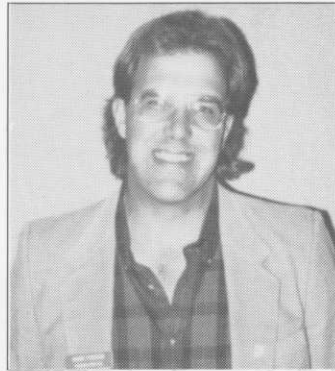
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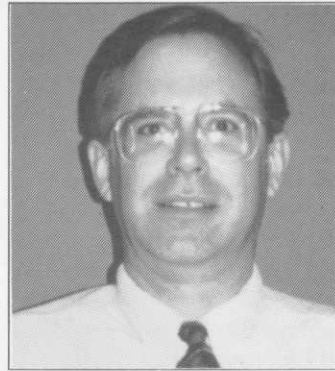
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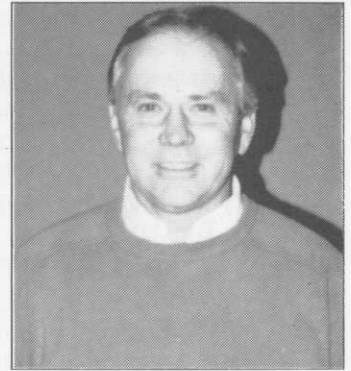
MARK FOSSUM
Headwaters Country Club
Park Rapids

"What I like most about being a golf course superintendent is being responsible for the recreational and environmental pleasure of others."



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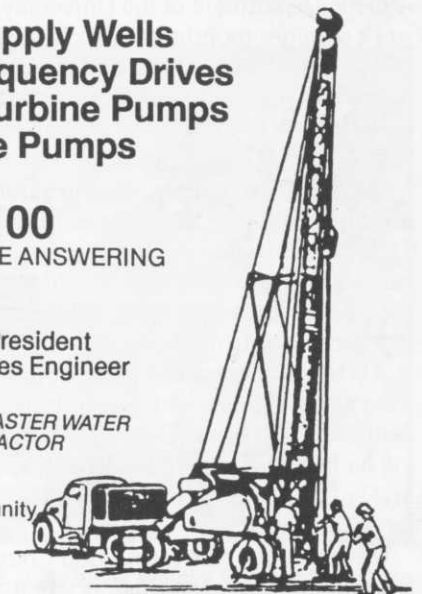
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Trio Receives Distinguished Service Awards

Three men who have contributed considerably to the welfare and success of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association were presented Distinguished Service Awards at the association's 64th Annual Conference.

The recipients were Jack Adams, University of Minnesota; Gordy Miller, North Star Turf, and Jack Kolb, Turf Supply Co. Following is a personalized glimpse of each of the men.

RUSS ADAMS

What do hockey and maintaining golf courses have in common?

Well, in the case of Russ Adams, who was presented a Distinguished Service Award at the 1991 MGCSA Conference, chasing pucks led to his 40-year career in golf course work at the University of Minnesota.

Born on February 22, 1929—the fourth eldest in a family of 13—Russ was an outstanding left wing at Minneapolis Marshall High School, where he was graduated in 1947. He probably could have played for the University of Minnesota, but there were no hockey scholarships available and Russ couldn't afford to enroll at the U of M at that time.

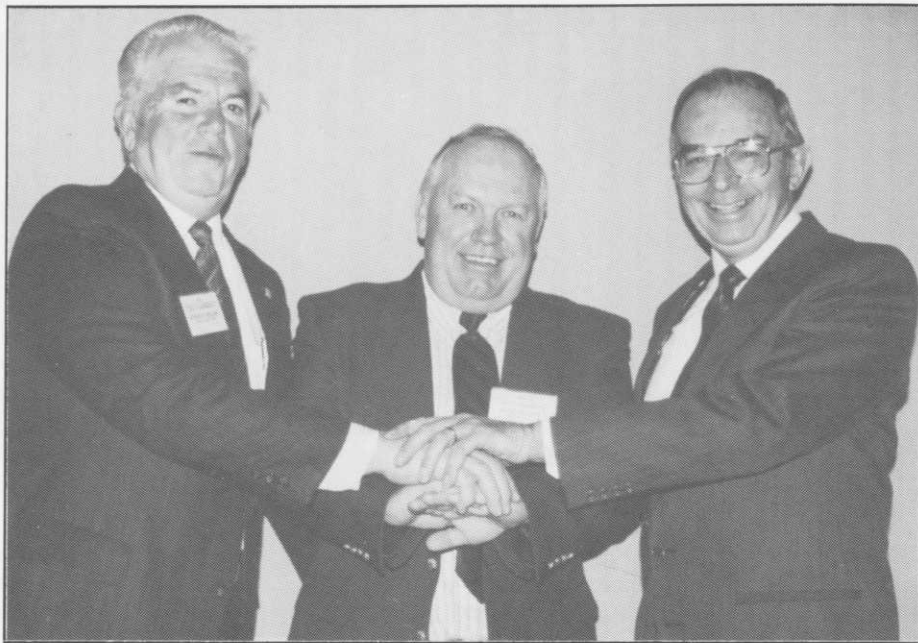
He wound up playing semi-pro hockey for the Minneapolis Bungalows, which won a national senior championship, as well as Sioux City and Des Moines in the United States Hockey League.

On April 1, 1951, he was hired by the Athletic Department of the University to work summer months at the golf course and winter months at the Williams Arena ice rink. This allowed Adams to continue his hockey career as well as earn some income throughout the year.

Russ continued this lifestyle until a puck hit the side of his left knee in 1979. That ended his competitive hockey career. However, he did considerable officiating, including work at six state high school tournaments.

At the University golf courses Russ worked under John Fuller, Herman Senneseth and Elmer Bennett before being named head superintendent on January 1, 1962. He served in that capacity for 29 years.

He joined the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association when he



THREE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS were presented by the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association at the 1991 annual conference to, from left, Gordon Miller, chairman of the board of North Star Turf; Russ Adams, a retired superintendent from the University of Minnesota Golf Course, and Jack Kolb, who has retired as owner of Turf Supply Co., which recently merged with Landscape and Turf.

got the head job at the "U," was elected to the MGCSA's executive board as a director in 1967-68, became vice-president in 1969, then president in 1970. He continued as an ex-officio director in 1971, then again served on the Board in 1982-83. He retired on October 31, 1991.

Now Russ will have much more time to play golf. He once had a handicap that fluctuated between 1 and 2, later had less time to play and saw his handicap rise to the 8 he carries now. He is a past champion in both the regular MGCSA Championship and Seniors competition, and once had a hole-in-one on Number 2 after birdying the first hole at the University course. Chances are, said longtime Gopher coach Les Bolstad, that 3-under-par score for the first two holes will never be beaten.

Russ maintains his interest in hockey as well as football and basketball by serving as admissions supervisor for all of the events in these three Gopher sports.

He and his wife, Marilyn were married on June 8, 1963 and are the parents of two adopted children—Lee, 24, and Debbie, 22.

Last July 10 he had his second knee replacement (the first was a year earlier), but five weeks later he played in the MGCSA's Senior Championship at New Richmond, finishing runner-up to Jerry Bibby.

Russ intends to keep active in association activities, plans to attend the national conference in New Orleans in February and looks forward to more senior golf.

"My association with other superintendents through the MGCSA have been a big part of my life," he said. "The past 29 years bring back memories of a lot of good times and good friends."

His peers, thinking of Russ, would say the same.

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