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### MGCSA, 6 Minnesotans Cited by GCSAA For Scholarship, Research Support

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association was one of 14 chapters providing financial support to GCSAA Scholarship & Research during the foundation's recently completed 1990-1991 fiscal year.

In addition to the chapter's donation of \$1,000, six residents of Minnesota were members of the Golden Tee Club, the grass-roots support organization for GCSAA S&R.

"Chapter and individual member support are absolutely crucial to our ability to fund turfgrass research and to offer scholarship assistance to future golf course superintendents," said Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, president of GCSAA. "We commend the Minnesota GCSA and its members for their high level of involvement and assistance."

The Minnesota GCSA earned a "group" membership in the

Golden Tee Club for its contribution. Cadenelli and fellow board members also noted with appreciation the following Minnesotans who held individual memberships in the Golden Tee Club:

Thomas C. Fischer, CGCS Douglas R. Mahal, CGCS Keith Scott, CGCS Gary A. Shampeny John Staver John G. Szafranski

Golden Tee Club membership is open to individuals who contribute \$100 or more annually and corporations, clubs, chapters and other organizations that contribute \$1,000 or more annually to support GCSAA S&R. During the past fiscal year, contributions to the club totaled almost \$20,000.

#### EPA May Extend UST Insurance Deadline

The EPA has proposed a 14-month extension for Category IV underground storage tank owners/operators to prove financial responsibility.

The proposal, which was published in the August 14 *Federal Register*, would push back the federal deadline to December 31, 1992, for most golf operations with USTs. However, individual states will have the option of keeping the current October 26, 1991, deadline, or extending it to match federal requirements.

EPA is now accepting comments on the proposal, which was drafted under pressure from congressional representatives concerned about the financial stability of small businesses located in states without EPA-approved trust funds. Currently, 22 states have received EPA approval for UST trust funds; 12 more have submitted trust fund programs for approval.

Golf operations should be aware that, regardless of the financial assurance deadline, they are already responsible for cleanup costs, third-party liability and associated legal fees resulting from a leak or spill. CGSAA sponsors a low-cost UST insurance program that can assure your club or course will have the resources to survive such an incident. For details, call GCSAA's communications department at 913/832-4470.



#### Golf Car, Turf Utility Vehicle Report Released

The Center for Golf Course Management (CGCM), the marketing research division for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), has announced the release of its second 1991 marketing research report.

The Golf Car and Turf Utility Vehicle Report offers detailed information on golf cars and turf utility vehicles used by golf course superintendents.

The report presents statistics on the market share, typical lifespan and product ratings of golf cars, modified golf cars for maintenance tasks and light- and heavyduty turf utility vehicles, cross-tabulated by manufacturers. In addition, capital expense data is presented for each product category.

This report also provides a section on course demographics including type of facility, number of holes and budget levels.

Two more CGCM marketing research reports will be released later. They are: • The *Mower and Maintenance Equipment Report* 

• The Buying Habits of Golf Course Superintendents Report

The *Mower and Maintenance Equipment Report* will provide manufacturers and suppliers with information and statistical summaries, broken down by manufacturer. The report will feature data on product inventories, market share and superintendents' ratings of specific products' performance, reliability, service and support. The report also features sections on demographics, capital expenditures and more.

The Buying Habits report will feature summarized information from three specialized CGCM reports (Golf Car/Turf Utility Vehicle, Mower/Maintenance Equipment and the previously released Pesticide and Fertilizer Usage) and a section devoted to maintenace trends in the golf course management industry.

The Golf Car and Turf Utility Vehicle Report, as well as the Mower and Maintenance Report, are priced at \$1,500 each. The Buying Habits of Golf Course Superintendents Report will be released in late October at a price of \$185. The Pesticide and Fertilizer Usage Report is available for \$2,500.

## **MGCSA** Outing at Hastings Was Most Enjoyable



**HOST SUPERINTENDENT** Tom Feriancek of Hastings, CC.



**GETTING** a little help from Garfield is Jim Gardner, Rochester CC.



**SHOWING** his putting stroke to Randy Nelson, Willingers GC, is Butch Greeninger, MTI.



**FRIENDLY FOURSOME**—From left are Butch Greeninger, MTI; Scott Bjorge, Owatonna CC; Randy Nelson, Willingers GC; Bruce Spiers, RW Golf Cars.



BLASTING out of trouble is Dale Wysocki, Faribault G&CC.



**LISTENING** to Jim Lindblad, left, Wayzata CC, are Tom Feriancek, right, Hastings CC, and Bill Johnson, center, Edina CC.

HOLE NOTES



**CHATTING** are Paul Mayes, left, Links at Northfork, and Dan Miller, North Star Turf.

## GCSAA Dedicates Its New Headquarters

A vision of meeting the future challenges of golf course management unified the crowd gathered to dedicate the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's new international headquarters.

GCSAA members, golf industry VIPs and local dignitaries arrived in force on September 7, to celebrate the formal dedication of the association's new state-of-the-art facility in Lawrence, Kan. The two-day celebration also commemorated GCSAA's 65th anniversary.

GCSAA President Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, presided over the formal ceremony and officially gave the new headquarters building to its members, saying that the new structure embodies where the association has been, what it stands for now and where it is headed.

"This building is a symbol," Cadenelli said. "It is more than brick, mortar and steel. It is a symbol of how far this organization has come in a relatively short—but also long—period of

## time. More importantly, it is a symbol of the profession. We have truly become a leading profession throughout the world of golf."

Cadenelli added that the entire association owed a debt of gratitude to all of the past presidents who helped bring GCSAA to where it is today.

Rep. Jim Slattery, a U.S. congressman from Kansas' 2nd District, also attended the dedication and addressed the crowd. Slattery, familiar with environmental matters, said the association should be proud of its new building and of its accomplishments in the environmental arena.

"This is truly a spectacular building," Slattery said. "I'm absolutely convinced that those who succeed you will be able to take pride in your vision and creativity."

In closing his keynote remarks, Cadenelli pointed to GCSAA's future: "This building represents our (GCSAA's) willingness to meet the future head on. The future of golf course management is challenging. The regulations with which we must comply, the concerns over the environment are critical. I am convinced that golf course superintendents will be able to meet those challenges.

"This building is a dedication and commitment to excellence."

### GCSAA Mourns the Passing Of Its Last Charter Member

Chester Mendenhall, a past president and the last of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) founding fathers, died September 25 at a hospital in the Kansas City area at age 96.

Mendenhall died 18 days after helping to dedicate GCSAA's new headquarters building and observe its 65th anniversary in ceremonies in Lawrence, Kan., where GCSAA is based.

Taking part in GCSAA's building dedication and anniversary proceedings September 7 "meant everything to Chet," said his wife, Sue. "Chet said many times after GCSAA invited him to participate, 'I've got to stay well.'"

During the ceremony, Mendenhall delighted the crowd with recollections from GCSAA's past. He also cut the ceremonial ribbon, officially dedicating the new building.

An enthusiastic advocate of the association and the profession, he helped GCSAA develop into more than a regional organization by moving its annual conference and trade show to the West Coast in 1949. Previously, the event had been confined to the Midwest and East.

"GCSAA was a big part of Chet Mendenhall's life," said GCSAA Executive Director John M. Schilling. "Not only did he help found the organization and serve it diligently over the years, he also personally recruited many members. To Chet, GCSAA and the profession represented a cause. Unassuming though he was, Chet worked fervently for the organization virtually until his last breath. We shall miss him, but he will live on in our hearts and in the history of GCSAA."

Mendenhall entered "greenkeeping" in 1920 at Sims Park, Wichita, Kan., and became a charter member of what is now GCSAA on March 1, 1927. He became superintendent at Wichita Country Club in 1928 and moved to Mission Hills (Kan.) Country Club in 1934, where he stayed for 31 years. He spent the next 10 years designing golf courses in Kansas and Missouri.

Mendenhall served as a director of GCSAA from 1940 to 1946. He was elected vice president in 1947 and served as president in 1948. He received GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and the United States Golf Association's (USGA) Green Section Award in 1990.



### Study Will Aid Environmental Researchers

A new study on pesticides and fertilizer use will help guide scientists reviewing the environmental impact of golf course management.

The study, which documents chemicals typically used to control weeds, insects and diseases on America's courses, is being provided to the United States Golf Association's (USGA) Environmental Research Committee, thanks to funding from the GCSAA Scholarship & Research, Inc., a non-profit science and education foundation.

"This survey and subsequent report continues GCSAA's commitment to working closely with the USGA in turfgrass and environmental research," said Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, president of the board of trustees of GCSAA Scholarship & Research. "The information from this report will assist researchers who are carrying out work funded by the USGA by providing them accurate data as to which materials are being used on America's courses.

"Obviously, we share the USGA's commitment to sound environmental management of our nation's golf courses and are pleased to assist them in any way possible," he said.

#### The 1991 Season—

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intimidate the pols, and scientific facts are of little concern. They deal in fear of the unknown and threaten law-givers with fear of being unseated. Golf courses of America are, *or should be*, prime examples of positive pesticide use, without distorting the population balance among 'harmless' bugs or beasts.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program has attracted a great deal of positive comment from both public and private golf operations in this initial year of operation. It is a first step in removing some of the unintended secrecy about golf course operations. This program does require an accountable performance of some projects, but if it didn't, it would mean nothing to anyone. It provides *living* proof that good golf course operations do not interfere with the natural scheme of things. It also provides a means of communicating with golfers and neighbors and politicians that golf courses exert a positive effect in their environment.

It will also be to the advantage of golf course superintendents to tell anyone, whether they are deeply interested or not, about the special environmental research being funded by the USGA. It is a Straight-Arrow evaluation of what happens to fertilizer and pesticides after they are applied and have done what they were supposed to do. They don't just disappear, so what *does* happen to them? The nationwide study is being conducted by outstanding researchers at a number of cooperating universities. Talk it up to show people that golf is a responsible member of a community.

#### **Green Section Greens**

An inordinate amount of ink has been sloshed around this year about some imagined or contrived controversy about wellestablished procedures which have proven to be successful for over 30 years. *CONTROVERSY*! is a media cliche used to grab attention by creating doubt or fear, not unlike the words used by Anti groups. The Green Section is making use of Dr. Norm Hummel's expertise in soil laboratory technique to ensure that the physical tests on putting green mixtures are consistent with the procedures established early on and that their results are reproducible.

Anytime a single green building procedure is adopted on a national basis, some local problems arise. That leads to a lot of nickel and dime nit-picking by people who ought to know better, thus confusing the issue and distorting the purpose of this construction technique. Personalities, prejudices and pettiness get in the



way of performance. And who suffers? The golf course superintendent trying to do the best for his organization, who has learned that hip pocket soil mixes are hazardous to his employment longevity but is being mislead by egotists or corner-cutters riding on short-term performance.

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#### **Green Speed**

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#### GCSAA Show-

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The Trade Show will be held in conjunction with the 63rd International Golf Course Conference, hosted annually by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The GCSAA Trade Show is the largest event in the golf course industry. Companies from around the world will preview the latest products available for the management of golf courses. Millions of dollars worth of turf and irrigation equipment, geotextiles, seed, turf chemicals, drainage systems and all types of turf maintenance supplies will be featured.

The trade show, ranked by *Tradeshow Week* as one of the 120 largest shows in the United States, will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 15-16, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, February 17. Friday, February 14, is designated Distributor Day, a preview that allows exhibitors a special opportunity to expand distributor/dealer relations.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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The 1991 Conference and Show in Las Vegas, Nev., drew more than 16,400 people, including more than 1,400 international visitors representing 46 countries outside the U.S. A record 591 exhibitors showcased their products and services during the three-day show.

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