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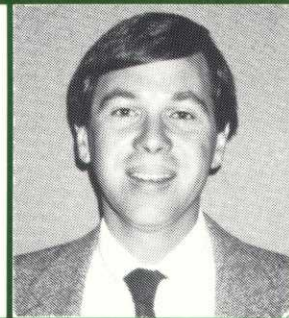
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

49 Teams Compete In Successful Stodola Research Tournament



Many thanks to Rick Fredericksen and Dale Wysocki for organizing the Harold Stodola Research Tournament. A total of 49 teams competed, 32 at Oak Ridge Country Club and 17 at Golden Valley Country Club. This format enabled everyone to finish at approximately the same time. Consequently, nearly all of the players attended the banquet having eliminated the morning play and open time frame during the afternoon. Next year we would like to coordinate the tournament so that pros, managers, greens chairmen and superintendents can play to promote comradeship among the club officials.

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The Research Committee has asked Dr. Stienstra to conduct a study to determine which of the alternative chemicals presently on the market will provide protection for turf against snowmold. As of 1994, mercury will be banned in Minnesota unless the law can be changed. So as not to be caught off guard in 1994, tests will be implemented over the next two years providing a guideline as to which chemicals will aid in the prevention of snowmold as effectively as mercury. We do not want to resign from using mercury "cold turkey" in 1994.

While research is exploring alternatives to mercury, the Environmental Committee along with the Department of Agriculture will attempt to ammend the law to exclude golf courses from the mercury ban. Grace Sierra Chemical Company stated they will reregister the chemical so that on a national level mercury would be available, however, state law for use of this chemical would still require change.

During the ensuing months you may be asked to write various congressional figures requesting them to support a change in the pesticide law that would allow the Department of Agriculture the power to regulate chemicals, not individual states.

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Our next meeting will be at Hastings Country Club on October 7. See you there.

— Tom Fischer
President, MGCSA



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Interlachen Selected For 1993 Walker Cup

The 1993 Walker Cup Match will be played at Interlachen Country Club in Edina.

The Walker Cup is contested by teams of men amateur golfers from the United States on one side, and from Great Britain and Ireland on the other side. It is played every two years, alternately in the United States and Great Britain or Ireland.

The 1991 Walker Cup will be played September 5-6 at Portmarnock Golf Club, near Dublin, Ireland.

"The spirit of the Interlachen membership is especially attractive to the USGA," said USGA President C. Grant Spaeth. "We enjoy a strong relationship with Interlachen, and we're certain the playing of the Walker Cup there will enhance both the reputation of the club and the Twin Cities as a genial host to international competition.

"Interlachen fulfills all the USGA's requirements, and we are confident the course will present a worthy challenge."

Two of golf's greatest players, Bobby Jones and Glenna Collett Vare, won championships at Interlachen.

When Jones completed the Grand Slam, in 1930, he won the U.S. Open at Interlachen, finishing two strokes ahead of Macdonald Smith. Jones also hit one of the most famous shots in U.S. Open history in the second round of that championship. Trying to reach the green of the par-5 ninth hole with his second shot, the ball skipped across a pond and Jones subsequently birdied the hole.

In the 1935 Women's Amateur at Interlachen, Mrs. Vare defeated 17-year-old Patty Berg, 3 and 2, in the final match.

The 1942 Open had been scheduled for Interlachen, but that championship, along with those of the next three years, was cancelled because of World War II.

In addition, Interlachen was the host club for the 1986 U.S. Senior Amateur. That Championship was won by R.S. Williams, the first of his two titles.

In Brief . . .

- GCSAA has scheduled a General Environmental Session for Friday, Feb. 14, during the New Orleans Conference and Show. Invited to appear are EPA Administrator William K. Reilly; Jay Feldman, national coordinator for the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, and John Stossel, ABC-TV's "20/20" news correspondent and environmental reporter. Each will speak on environmental issues that affect golf course management.

- **The Natural Resources Defense Council has called for an 80 percent reduction in agricultural pesticide use.** The organization cited the recently completed EPA well water study as a source for proposing such drastic cuts. Although the cuts are aimed at agricultural uses, superintendents should brace themselves for future demands by such organizations concerning turf and ornamental products as well. Public information—and lots of it—is the only way to curb chemophobia.



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Mishap prevention in the workplace is often thought of as properly designed guards and other devices. But it's more than that. You perform your job everyday, so who else can protect you better than yourself? While you do your job for these and other potential hazards:

- Obstructed aisles, stairs and other walkways
- Objects leaning against walls, racks, posts or equipment
- Inadequate guarding of power driven machinery
- Unmarked low beams or pipes

Opening doors can present a "struck-by" hazard. Have you ever approached a windowless door and had it swing towards you? Never stand in front of such a door. If you have to work near such a door, prop it open. (**SUPERVISORS:** Consider replacing such doors, or adding windows to them, where feasible.)

People can be safety hazards if they do not watch where they are going. Don't let conversations distract you. Pay attention to your path of travel. When approaching a corner or intersection in a hallway, walk in the center of the hall instead of near the wall where you cannot see or be seen by those traveling in other directions.

Think about ways to avoid these mishaps. Don't injure yourself or your co-worker bumping into something, or someone, in your work area.

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The MGCSA Environmental Guidelines booklet is being made available to non-members at a cost of \$98.00. This informative booklet is given to all members with their paid dues. The environmental committee plans on updating each section as needed on a yearly basis, with the revisions being sent to each member.

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Northwest Airlines has been selected as our official air carrier for the GCSAA Conference in New Orleans. The Travel Desk is the official ticketing agency. Attendees will be able to receive a 5-45% savings from the applicable ticket price. Reservations can be placed by phoning the Travel Desk at 1-800-328-5377 or (612) 835-9697. Please identify yourself as a member of the MGCSA.

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The cost of our regular monthly meetings, which includes lunch, golf, prizes and scholarship donation will increase to \$15.00.

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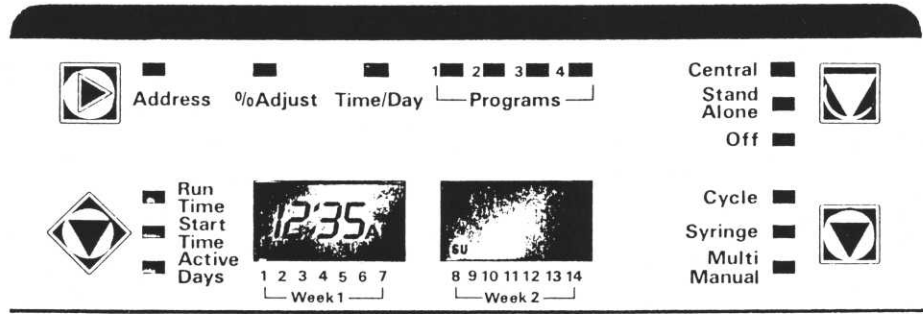
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We'd Like You to Meet Our Stodola Scholars

Four turfgrass students—one who attends Pennsylvania State University and three who are at Anoka Technical College—are the 1991 recipients of Harold Stodola Memorial Scholarships, according to Joe Moris, chairman of the MGCSA's Scholarship Committee.

The Penn State student is David J. Solga, Plymouth. The trio at Anoka are Thomas R. Flood, Minneapolis; Vance James Warner, Brainerd, and Chris Youngbauer, Verndale.

The Stodola scholarship grants are awarded annually by the MGCSA to turfgrass students who have displayed high scholastic achievement and a strong desire to become golf course students.

They are dedicated to the memory of the late Harold Stodola, who committed his career to the leadership and advancement of golf course management and this year was named to the PGA/MGA Golf Hall of Fame in Minnesota posthumously.

"We had 13 students apply for the scholarships," said Moris.

"Our committee really had a difficult time making the final selections," Moris said. "All of the seven finalists we interviewed were fantastic. It was a shame all couldn't get scholarships."

Each of the scholars selected received \$800 grants. The other three finalists were given \$50 each for taking time to be interviewed.

"We felt we did a good job in pre-screening and therefore were able to spend several extra hours with the candidates," Moris said.

Solga, 32, who was graduated from Minot (N.D.) High School in 1977, intends to be graduated from Penn State in 1992. After working as an oilfield driller in North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming, Solga joined the staff of Golden Valley Country Club as a greensman in 1987. Later he became a foreman, then assistant superintendent in 1989.

Mike Olson, head superintendent at Golden Valley, said that "Dave has worked his way up in the golf industry very fast by his excellent work ethic. He is the best man I have seen come along in my 15 years in the industry."

"I acquired a great love for the game of golf after being introduced to it in

1984," Solga wrote in his application, "In 1987, after being rehabilitated from a work-related accident, I was faced with changing careers. My love for the game and being able to work outside led me to the profession."

"I feel that obtaining an education is essential and is a very important step toward building a solid foundation toward my career," said Solga, who expects his future role to be "one which requires agronomically sound decision-making skills, good communication and people-relation skills and staying on top of industry and environmental issues."

Solga resides with his wife and two children at 4555 Nathan Lane in Plymouth.

Flood, 31, a 1977 graduate of Minneapolis Roosevelt High School, studied at Minneapolis Technical College and Dunwoody Industrial Institute, before enrolling at Anoka Technical College a year ago.

He also served in the U.S. Navy for four years and has worked at Marshall Cretin Amoco, St. Paul, for the past 10 years.

"I have played golf since I was 12," Flood said. "When I got a seasonal job at a golf course, I knew I found a job I truly enjoyed and wanted to do on a full-time basis. After working for two seasons (at Gross Golf Course in Minneapolis and Hazeltine National in Chaska), I decided I needed formal training to pursue a career in this field."

"One day I would like to be a superintendent," he said. "Until then I will continue to seek work as an operator or, with my strong mechanical background, as an equipment manager."

Flood intends to graduate in the Spring of 1992.

Warner, 31, was graduated from Brainerd High School in 1978 and Brainerd Community College in 1981. He also studied nine months at Clark County Community College's night school in Las Vegas, Nev.

"While attending Brainerd Community College, I worked for two summer seasons at Madden's Resort," Warner said. "I was employed as a tee starter and also maintained the golf carts. A few years later I was employed as the greenskeeper

at Fritz' Resort near Nisswa. What really sparked my interest in golf course management was the fact that I was promoted from maintenance crew member, to foreman, to assistant superintendent in a period of less than nine months while employed at Los Pardos Country Club in North Las Vegas. It was at that point that I knew I would make a career of turf management."

After graduation from Anoka Tech, he seeks to be employed as an assistant superintendent "for at least two years."

"I feel this two-year period will help me hone my turf practices as well as my people management techniques," he said. "After that two-year period of time, I feel confident that I will have the knowledge and skills necessary to manage a nice golf course in the Mid-western five-state area."

Youngbauer, who will turn 24 on November 30, was graduated from Verndale High School in 1987, then studied at North Dakota State University and St. Cloud State University before enrolling at Anoka Tech in 1990.

"I started working at a golf course during summers when I was in high school and found it to be very interesting and rewarding because you can see the results of your work," Youngbauer said.

He wants to become a superintendent "and make a name for myself in the business."

"I enjoy working outside and the challenge of maintaining a course to player satisfaction . . . even though that's impossible," he said.

Youngbauer hopes to leave Anoka Tech "well-prepared and capable of doing my job correctly and to the best of my ability. If a person fails to gain as much knowledge about his field as possible in school, he is wasting his money."

Youngbauer's work experience has been at Wadena Country Club and Oak Ridge Country Club.

Center For Golf Course Management Releases Four Research Reports

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's marketing research division, the Center for Golf Course Management, released its first 1991 marketing research report in August.

The Pesticide and Fertilizer Usage Report offers detailed information from a survey on pesticide and fertilizer products being used by golf course superintendents.

One purpose of the study was to report on golf course chemical usage for the joint United States Golf Association (USGA) and GCSAA Turfgrass Research Committee. Another goal was to produce a report of fertilizer and pesticide usage for turf chemical manufacturers to help them better understand and meet the needs of golf course superintendents.

The format of the report utilizes the USGA regions as well as an overall composite to geographically illustrate the results. Information contained in this report includes a section on demographics (sample size, course type, budget level); a statistical summary of course size (acres and square feet) and grass type; expenditure data for each product category (fungicide, herbicide, insecticide, fertilizer) and a statistical summary of pesticide usage and form(s) used on each area of the golf course (greens, tees, fairways, roughs), including a list of the most frequently reported products on the survey.

Three additional CGCM marketing research reports were released in September:

- The Golf Car and Turf Utility Vehicle Report
- The Mower and Maintenance Equipment Report
- The Buying Habits of Golf Course Superintendents Report

Each of the first two reports provides manufacturers and suppliers with information and statistical summaries, broken down by manufacturer. These reports feature data on product inventories, market share and superintendents' ratings of specific product performance, reliability, service and support. They also feature sections on demographics, capital expenditures and more.

The Buying Habits report features summarized information from all three specialized reports (chemical usage, golf

car/utility vehicle and mower/maintenance equipment) and a section devoted to maintenance trends in the golf course management industry.

The Pesticide and Fertilizer Usage Report is available at a price of \$2,500. *The Golf Car and Turf Utility Vehicle Report* and *The Mower and Maintenance Equipment Report*, are priced at \$1,500

each. *The Buying Habits of Golf Course Superintendents Report* is available for \$185.

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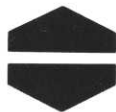
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