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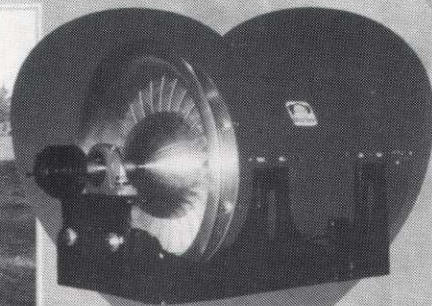


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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's A Good Time To Enjoy Your Course



Autumn-like weather has arrived and the growth of the turfgrass plant seems to have slowed. The leaves have started to come down and most of our staff has returned to school. I was hoping to do some fishing. Instead, I find myself operating a mower on occasion. This is the best time of year on the golf course in my opinion. The plant is healthier and stands more upright, play has decreased, fall color has begun, and my favorite reason is the starting time goes from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Take advantage of the season. Winter will soon be upon us.

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The GCSAA Chapter Delegates met in Lawrence, Kansas on September 18 and 19. Candidates made individual presentations on Friday afternoon. Delegates met with the candidates separately Saturday night in breakout rooms. Candidates fielded questions so the delegates could better understand how each person stood regarding various issues. The hot topics were certification and recertification requirements, educational needs, membership standards and public relations ideas. It was great to hear the exchange of ideas and the interest each candidate received from the delegates. Keith Scott will report in more detail on this delegates meeting in the near future.

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A great day was had by all who attended the Stodola Scramble at Pebble Creek C.C. Cary Femrite and the whole staff did an outstanding job of making us feel at home. Thanks to Monte Montague, Todd Plaisted, Paul Jones and Doug Bergren for donating their "Skin Money" back to the research fund. It was great to be able to arrive and check into the event without having to spend money on extra activities. Now it is time to put the money to good use. If you have any ideas, please share them with Tom Fischer, our Research Chairman. Look for tournament results on Page 17.

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The 1998 MGCSA Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, December 10th at the Minneapolis Convention Center. There will be a hospitality night for MGCSA members following the meeting. Also, be sure to look on Page 12 for hotel information for the MTGF Conference and Trade Show which will be held December 9-11, 1998.

— Jim Nicol, CGCS
MGCSA President



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MGCSA Announces Five 1998-99 Student Scholars

Four Get Association Awards; Fifth Is New Trans-Miss/MGCSA Grant

Four students have been announced as the recipients of the 1998-99 MGCSA Scholarships and a fifth has been given the new Trans-Mississippi/MGCSA Scholarship. Each grant is for \$1,000.

The Stodola scholarships have been awarded since 1989, with much of the funds coming from the Scholarship Scramble golf outing, this year held at Elm Creek Golf Links of Plymouth.

The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, working with the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents, has been developing a series of fundraisers to provide scholarships to "Minnesota-connected" students. (See Story on Page 25.)

"Each of the students selected has much to offer our industry," said John Queensland, chair of the MGCSA's Scholarship Committee. "They should do well at their respective schools."

The MGCSA scholarship award winners are:

Mike Harrington, Delafield, Wisc., a student at the University of Minnesota who has worked at Midland Hills in St. Paul and Wayzata Country Club;

Kristine E. Ramsey, Rochester, Minn., Rochester Community College, who was on the grounds crew at Willow Creek in Rochester;

David Swift, Sherburn, Minn., Penn State University, who has been at Fox Lake Golf Club in Sherburn, Interlaken in Fairmont, The Wilds in Prior Lake and the Club at Cordillera in Edwards, Colo.;

Chad Wilson, Utica, Minn., Iowa State University, whose golf course maintenance experience has been at St. Charles Golf Club, St. Charles, Minn.; Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, N.C.; Country Club of the Rockies, Edwards, Colo., and the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State.

The Trans-Mississippi/MGCSA winner is:

Riley Kieffer, Nisswa, Minn., Michigan State University, whose work experience has been at Madden's Resort near Brainerd and the Country Club of the Rockies in Edwards, Colo.;

Mike Harrington, 23, was graduated from Marquette University High School in 1993 and expects to complete his four-year course in environmental horticulture and turf management next Spring with thoughts of managing a golf course and eventually designing one.

In high school he played for Delafield's state champion golf team, won various educational honors and also has been awarded the Vincent K. Bailey Scholarship for horticulture excellence.

Mike, a member of the GCSAA Student Resource Group and president of the University of Minnesota Turf Club, said that he "loved golf all through high school," then decided to get involved in turf management "as a way to be associated with the game."

His outside-of-school activities include the MGCSA,

GCSAA, Rocky Mountain Golf Association and the USGA.

Riley Kieffer, 23, was graduated from Brainerd Senior High School in 1993, then studied at Brainerd Community College and St. John's University before enrolling at Michigan State University. He intends to graduate next March.

In high school he was captain of the Brainerd football and hockey teams and won all-conference honors in both sports. At Michigan State he is treasurer of the Turf Club for 1998-99.

"When I received my first job on a golf course is when I began to realize my interest in turf management," Kieffer said. "My goal is to be a superintendent and this (majoring in turf management) is the best road for me to travel in order to reach that goal."

Kristine E. Ramsey, 27, was graduated from Peterson (Minn.) High School, then attended Winona State University for one year before transferring to Rochester Community and Technical College where her major is landscape grounds and golf course management. In high school she

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was active in contest speaking, cheerleading, the school's pep and marching bands and drama. At college she has been an honor student who made the dean's list. She also has won various military honors, was a high school cheerleading captain and was a student senate representative at RCTC. She also is a member of the school's horticulture club.

Said Kristine: "I've always found soil science exciting and, with my motivation to become more knowledgeable on how to improve and understand not only turf but also trees, shrubs and flowers, I believe I can excel in this major."

David C. Swift, 21, is a 1995 graduate of Martin County West High School, attended Anoka Hennepin Technical College and now is in the two-year turfgrass management program at Pennsylvania State University where he plans to graduate next March.

In high school he was a "B" honor roll student, had a 3.01 grade point average at Anoka Tech and has a 3.41 GPA at Penn State.

In high school he was an all-conference golfer, advanced to his section's golf tournament for four years and finished 25th in the 1995 state tournament. David also was a member of Interlaken's state champion junior team and played in the Cutter Cup which pits Penn State turf students against turf majors from Michigan State. In high school he also played football and was a member of the Future Farmers of America. At Penn State he is a member of the Turf Club. Outside activities include the MGCSA, Fox Lake Conservation League and Ducks Unlimited.

"My whole life has revolved around golf," Swift said. "My father is a golf course superintendent at Fox Lake Golf Club, and I've known my whole life that I wanted to be one, too. I learned at any early age that there's more to maintaining a golf course than mowing grass. I love the feeling a golfer has when he's playing on a well-maintained golf course. I have been working with my father and other golf course superintendents and at each course things are done differently. I always wanted to know why everything was done."

Chad Wilson, 20, was graduated from St. Charles High School in 1996 and now is a student majoring in horticulture/turfgrass management at Iowa State University.

At St. Charles he won an Academic Letter, DAR Good Citizen Award and a Winona Excellence in Education award while being an honor student.

A three-year letterman in high school golf and captain of his team for two years, he also was president of the St. Charles Area Youth Task Force, president of the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Youth Group and now is treasurer and vice president of the Iowa State University Turfgrass Club.

At St. Charles he also was active in band, chorus, show choir, Spanish Club and basketball and was named to the National Honor Society.

Along with his Turfgass Club activity at Iowa State, Chad is a student member of the GCSAA's Resource Group, a student member of the MGCSA and GCSAA and a student member of the Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association. He also has won a variety of scholarship awards.

Said Chad: "When I was a freshman in high school, my parents introduced me to the game of golf. I began working on a local 18-hole course and fell in love with golf course maintenance and knew that was what I was supposed to do. Through my work experience I have found that being a golf course superintendent brings exciting challenges daily. To meet these challenges requires knowledge of all aspects of turfgrass management."

Trans-Mississippi Works With MGCSA to Raise Funds for Scholarships

Two years ago two Minnesota directors of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association organized plans for various ways to raise money for Minnesota students or Minnesota-connected students pursuing careers in the turf industry.

Since then Tom Garrett, a member of Somerset Country Club in St. Paul, and Hank Wilkinson, a member of The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, have seen their original invitational at Somerset grow into two other fundraisers at Minikahda and Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska.

The third Somerset Invitational, which features an alternate shot format, will be held at the St. Paul course on October 16.

At Minikahda a modest event now known as the "Charlie Erickson Memorial Tournament" was begun a year ago. Now on October 3 it will have about 120 members and maintenance staff employees participating in a special scramble. Erickson was a golf course superintendent at Minikahda. At Hazeltine, members Tim Andersen and Mark Polich developed a Memorial Day event which also involves the maintenance crew playing with members.

These golf competitions are aimed specifically at providing funds for Minnesota turf students or students from other parts of the country attending Minnesota schools.

Both Wilkinson and Garrett, noting that the various tournaments are a lot of fun competitively, said they also provide related benefits, not the least being member knowledge of what it takes to maintain a golf course but also to get to know several members of the maintenance staff whose responsibility it is to care for the course.

They now work closely with John Queensland, chair of the MGCSA's Scholarship Committee. This year the \$1,000 Trans-Mississippi/MGCSA Scholarship was awarded to Rilkey Kieffer, a Nisswa, Minn. student at Michigan State.

GCSAA Addresses Act That Will Affect Golf Course Quality

GCSAA is leading the golf industry's efforts in seeking relief from the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), which became law in August 1996.

The legislation to be implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), changes the method of determining human exposure to chemicals. Prior to enactment of FQPA, risk from pesticide use was measured only from

residues from dietary exposures. Under FQPA, the EPA must consider the aggregate exposure for each pesticide, including non-dietary means (i.e., residential, lawn and garden uses). Additionally, the previous legislation required a separate evaluation for each pesticide. The law now requires the evaluation to include all those pesticides sharing a common mechanism of toxicity.

Under FQPA, the EPA must reassess all existing pesticide tolerances (more

than 9,700) within the next 10 years. Concerns for the golf course maintenance industry include a plan to eliminate all organophosphates (OPs) by August 1999. OPs currently offer broad-spectrum control of infestations of mole crickets, soft-bodied larvae, fire ants and other insects that can mean economic and environmental disaster for a golf course.

"We do not oppose any legislation that removes a threat to human health as long as it is based on sufficient data," says GCSAA President George Renault III, CGCS. "Our concern is the EPA is the using 'default assumptions' in risk measurement that are often overly-conservative, inaccurate and unreliable. Under provision of the law, the EPA can use "data-call-in" to acquire the actual scientific information, but indications are the agency will ignore that option. The potential consequences are enormous."

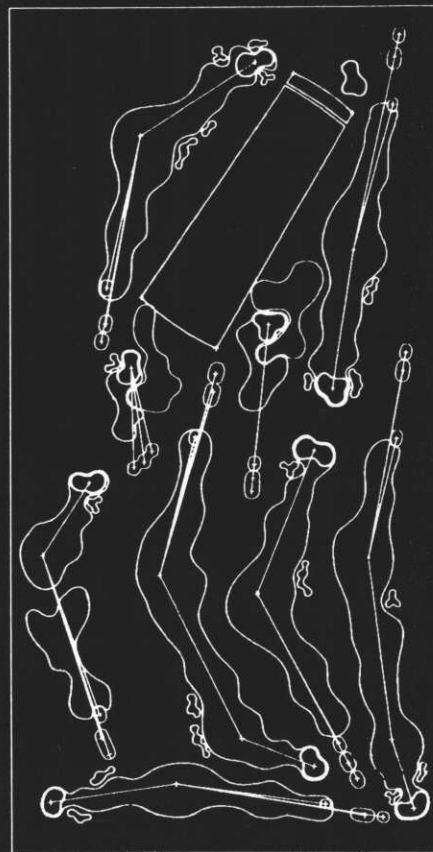
According to Renault, golf course superintendents support the EPA's efforts to find alternatives to OPs. However, arbitrary elimination would be counter productive if it results in the need to use less effective products in greater amounts, thereby increasing risks to the environment. Renault also indicated pesticide manufacturers could meet requirements of the law if decisions are based on scientific data and actual pesticide use; allow for development of scientific methodology to meet the new safety standards and revised objectives for protecting human health and the environment and establish and communicate open, uniform and scientifically practical policies to guide consistent implementation.

Among the 'default assumptions' the EPA can make in applying the law is the contention applicators (including golf course maintenance personnel) will use a product the maximum frequency and in the maximum dosage allowed by law.

GCSAA has embarked on an extensive membership education and communication plan to address the issue, and has joined forces with numerous groups to work with lawmakers on the implementation of the law.



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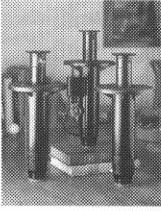
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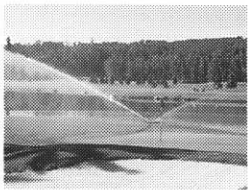
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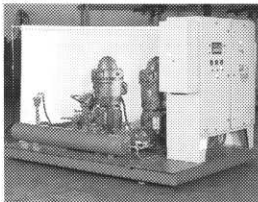
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Where Are They Today?

MAYNARD ERICKSON

By JACK KOLB
MGCSA Life Member

Around the year 1910 a visionary man, Theodore Wirth, got his Park Board to consider the possibility of building a golf course on property that had recently been set aside as Glenwood Park. By 1916 nine holes had been opened and was named Glenwood Golf Course. Since parks were for people's enjoyment there were no green fees. Play became popular and a decision to add nine more holes was conceived with preparations to begin about one year after the first nine was opened. With Theodore Wirth acting as Superintendent of Parks and a Park Manager by the name of Walter Swanson, a gentleman by the name of Carl Axel Erickson was hired in 1917 to help with construction of the second phase of the course which was completed in 1918.

Until the second nine holes was opened there had been no fee charged for playing golf. The number of players and the popularity of the area brought many curious observers to watch this unusual game. This provoked the need for some form of social hall or gathering space for players and spectators and a decision was made to construct a clubhouse. Like all businesses the bottom line was beginning to show costs exceeding budget for operating the Park. Thus a 15 cent fee was charged for each round of golf on the newly opened 18 to defray these costs. Players numbered into several thousands of rounds, and the revenue generated went a long way toward paying the total cost of construction which amounted to less than \$10,000 for all 18 holes.

Carl Axel Erickson met up with a Miss Signa Swanson. A marriage union between the two produced four children, three girls and a boy. The male offspring born in 1924 was named Maynard. Carl and Signa lived in a home right in Glenwood Park. The home was recently removed but would be at 3715 Glenwood Avenue if it were to exist today.

It is not often when you call a potential subject for an interview he says, "Let's meet at a restaurant named after me!" Thus it was that we met at Maynard's Restau-



MGCSA CHARTER MEMBER CARL ERICKSON with his 1948 Theodore Wirth grounds crew: pictured left to right are, Maynard Erickson, Golf Course Superintendent Carl Erickson, Bud Larson, Clarence Samuelson, Todd Johnston and Ed Lien.

ant in Excelsior, owned by Maynard Erickson's daughter Linda and son-in-law Randy Rosengren. The luncheon meeting was a spirited affair with many side stories and reminiscing about past individuals. We stayed long after the waitresses had set up for the evening crowd.

Maynard grew up on Glenwood Golf Course and Park. One of his earliest recollections of starting a career with the Park Department was to accompany his dad Carl, who drove a truck, while Maynard and sister would pick up trash on the Park Boulevards. That same year, while he was about 10 years old, crew members taught him how to drive a tractor, while keeping the event secret from Maynard's father Carl.

It was impossible for Carl to put under-aged Maynard on the payroll along with all that civil service data that had to be furnished, so at age 13 Maynard went over to Golden Valley Country Club and caddied. Mike Sanko was the Superintendent of Golden Valley at that time (1937), Harry Cooper was the Pro and Art Stat was the Club Manager. Mike Sanko saw value in the young Erickson as an

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