

MGCSA Makes \$7,000 Available For 1999-2000 Scholarships

By JOHN QUEENSLAND
MGCSA Scholarship Committee Chair

The MGCSA Scholarship Committee has \$5,000 available for Turf Student Scholarships and two \$1,000 Legacy Scholarships for the 1999-2000 school year. Again this year the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association will be participating in the Turf Student Scholarships.

One Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship of \$1,250 is renewable for a second year if the recipient completes an application and meets minimum standards set by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation (CSF) of America. Also available is one \$1,250 Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarship to a new recipient.

Legacy Scholarship applicants have until June 1, 1999 to return completed applications to the MGCSA business office.

Turf Student Scholarships will be available to students completing the first year of a two-year turfgrass technical program or students completing the second year of a four-year or baccalaureate program with major emphasis in turf management. Candidates must be a resident of Minnesota or be employed by an MGCSA member. The MGCSA Scholarship Committee processes and determines recipients for the Turf Student Scholarships. Applicants have until July 1 to return completed applications to the MGCSA business office.

Legacy Scholarships are processed and determined by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation (CSF) of America. In no instance will any member of the MGCSA play a part in the confidential selection process of Legacy awards. These scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or students already enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study in an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

Recipients of the Garske award and at least one of the MGCSA awards must be children or grandchildren of Class AA, A, B, or C members (for at least three years) of the MGCSA. A child or grandchild who qualifies of Class D, Associate, or Affiliate members (for at least three years) of the MGCSA would also be eligible for the second MGCSA Legacy Scholarship.

MGCSA Legacy Awards are for one year only. However, students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements. The Joseph S. Garske Scholarship is renewable for a second year if the recipient completes an application and meets minimum standards set by CSF.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work

experience, a statement of education and career goals and an outside appraisal. Students are eligible to apply for both a Turf Student Scholarship and a Legacy Scholarship but will only be allowed to receive one.

Applications for each of the scholarships are available on request by contacting the MGCSA business office. A personal photograph will be requested of successful applicants to accompany article(s) published in *Hole Notes*. For more information contact Scott Turtinen, Executive Director, MGCSA, 240 Minnetonka Avenue So., P.O. Box 617, Wayzata, MN 55391. Phone (612) 473-0557 or toll free at 1-800-642-7227.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are Jim Johnson, CGCS, Charlie Pooch, Jon Almquist, Dave Zimmer, Steve Garske, Dan Miller, Jeff Johnson, Larry Mueller, Jeff Churchill and Richard Grundstrom.

Trans-Mississippi Golf Association representatives are Tom Garrett and Hank Wilkinson.



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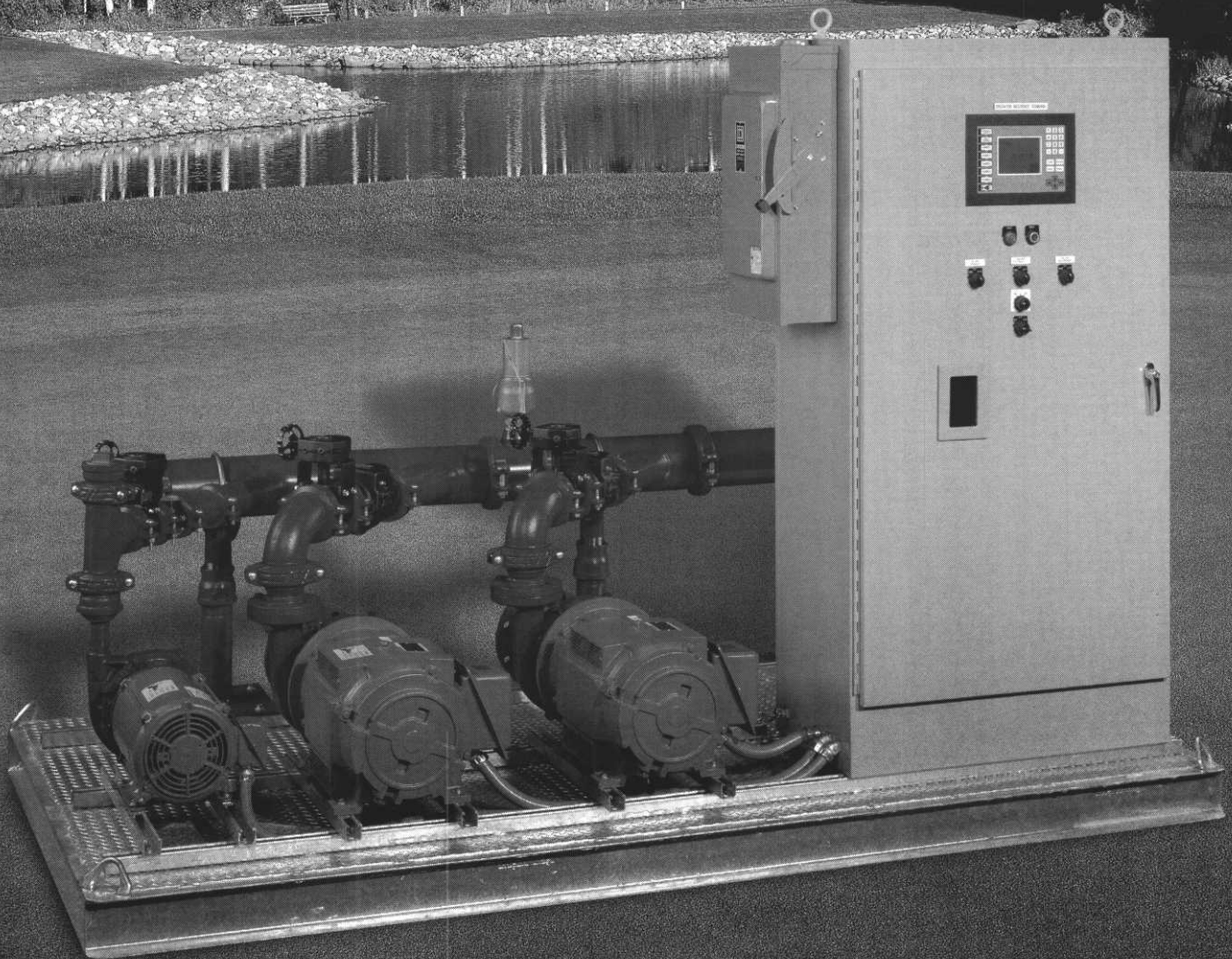
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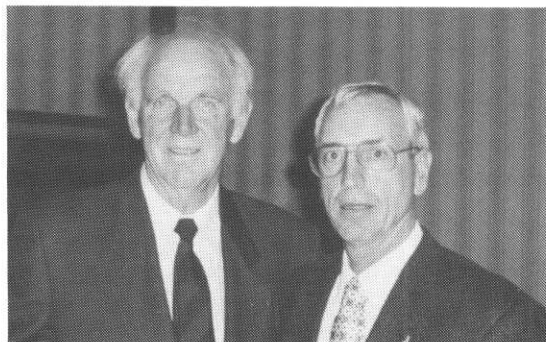
1999 March Mini-Seminar Recap

By **MIKE BROWER**

Superintendent, Hillcrest Country Club, St. Paul

Despite blizzard conditions throughout Minnesota, approximately 130 golf course management professionals attended the 1999 March Mini-Seminar at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park on Monday, March 8.

Gordon Witteveen, CGCS, and Michael Bavier, CGCS, presented "The Magic of Greenskeeping" Seminar to the attendees. Many of the topics covered during the seminar came out of their recently released book, *Practical Golf Course Maintenance, The Magic of Greenskeeping*. An impressive slide presentation showing maintenance procedures from around the world was utilized during their presentation. The general theme of the presentation was that "90% of greenskeeping is HOUSEKEEPING." The



Pictured on the left is Gordon Witteveen, CGCS with Michael Bavier, CGCS at the Mini-Seminar.

speakers' unique insight on maintenance practices coupled with the slides really did a good job of showing the "the good, the bad and the ugly" on the golf course.

Mr. Witteveen is retiring from the business after this golf season, completing 26 years in the Superintendent position at The Board of Trade Golf Club in Toronto, Canada. He helped start the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association in 1965, was president of that group in 1970, has served as a Director of the GCSAA and is a past Leo Feser award winner of *Golf Course Management* magazine.

Mr. Bavier grew up in Willmar, Minn., and has been Superintendent at Inverness Golf Club for the past 28 years. In 1981 he was elected president of the GCSAA and remains active with both the GCSAA and his local association.

We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear in person from two wonderful and proven leaders of our profession about "The Magic of Greenskeeping." It will be a pleasure

to run into these two in the future and hear about their latest accomplishments. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all who attended and those of you that registered but could not attend, for supporting the MGCSA and its continuing education program — despite the inclement weather.

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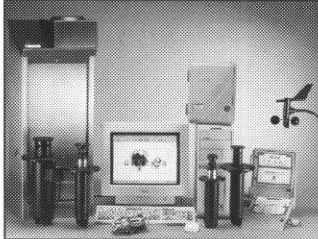
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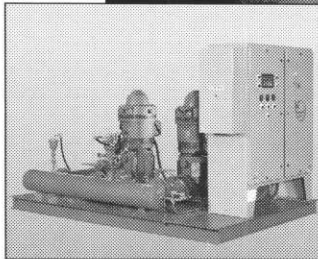


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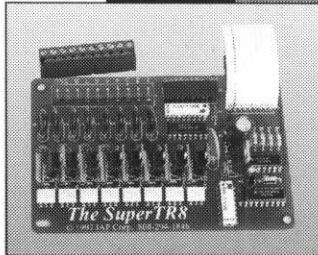
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Plan To Attend and Participate In MTGF Events This Summer

By **BOB MUGAAS**
MTGF Executive Director

It hardly seems possible that it has already been several months since our Turf and Grounds Foundation Conference and Trade Show. Attendance was up, vendor participation was at least as well attended as the previous year and net revenues were also up. That is a positive trend that everyone in the Foundation is committed to continuing for 1999 and into the next millennium. Planning for the 1999 conference educational program is in full swing with many of the topics and presenters confirmed.

I would especially like to thank Mike Klatte, CGCS, for his role as MGCSA chair of its Educational Program Planning Committee. Other members of that committee include Mike Olson, CGCS, Mike Brower, Dale Caldwell, CGCS, Larry Vetter and Scott Turtinen. All members of this committee have been excellent to work with and committed to following through on their assignments.

As just one of the features at this year's conference, internationally renowned golf course architect, Michael Hurzdan will be giving two sessions with perhaps one of them being more along the lines of a general green industry keynote address. Other members of our Foundation have been working diligently on topics and presenters as well. It should be a great conference. **Plan now to attend this year's conference, December 8-10 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.**

Another important event coming up is the **MTGF Benefit Golf Tournament and Summer Expo**. The golf tournament will be played at the University of Minnesota's Les Bolstad Golf Course near the St. Paul Campus on Tuesday, July 20th. It will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start providing we can recruit 120 players, 50% of which must be students, staff, faculty or alumni of the University of Minnesota. While this number may be a challenge, I believe it can be achieved with help from all of our allied Association's participation.

This year the golf tournament is being jointly sponsored by the MTGF and the University of Minnesota GCSAA student chapter. The student chapter, which has about 15 members, is looking forward to spending a morning playing a round of golf with superintendents, vendors and other turf and grounds professionals. Net revenues from the event will go toward supporting educational activities and opportunities for the student chapter as well as the research and scholarship programs and efforts of the MTGF. **Please take some time to participate in this event.** It will be very important for the students from a revenue standpoint and to meet and visit with superintendents and other professionals actively involved in their turf management careers.

The Summer Expo event will begin the afternoon of the 20th and continue the following day, Wednesday, July 21st. It will be held on or near the St. Paul Campus. Please pay attention to your upcoming issue of *Clippings* that should arrive about mid-April. It will contain the details, costs and other specifics for these two events. However, you need not wait for *Clippings*. If you would like to be an "early bird" registrant for the golf tournament, please contact Scott Turtinen at (612) 473-0557 to get your name and/or your foursome's name on the list of people playing golf that day. We will try to team students with groups having at least one superintendent as part of that group.

Finally, I would like to mention briefly that I was asked to submit written testimony related to the potential environmental impacts and benefits of golf courses in response to a request from Hennepin Parks. As they have been considering the development of a golf course near the Eagle/Pike lake area, there had been some negative publicity in local new media regarding golf courses and their "significant" adverse impact on the environment. I took this opportunity to not necessarily advocate for any particular course siting, but rather to rebut some of the false or at best misleading information about the "negative impacts" of golf courses on the environment. I also tried to convey the importance of the role a modern day superintendent plays in being informed about and implementing environmentally responsible turf management practices. I have not heard any further discussions or results from that planning process. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the letter, please let me know and I will be happy to send you one.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our summer events.

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Supervised crews of kids were taught skills and given instruction to complete several projects at Minneapolis golf courses.

At Columbia, kids worked on modular block retaining walls and planter boxes. At Hiawatha, they erected a split-rail fence, a timber planter box and bench, and added several modular block retainer systems. The maintenance crew at Hiawatha was very pleased at the much-needed timber storage bin.

Along with the work opportunities, kids were given the chance to learn the fundamentals of golf and given opportunities to practice their skills at the driving ranges. Those with adequate skills were issued discount passes to play at the courses.

According to Ray Book, Fairway Foundation program director, many parents expressed their appreciation at hav-

ing their kids involved in a meaningful work and recreation program. A letter received from the mother of one participant wrote: "This job has been a blessing. It has allowed my son to work a job that is outside, physical and fun. He has beamed with pride when talking about the projects he worked on and finished. Thank you for this work opportunity."

According to Norm Champp, director of employment programs, Tree Trust, the excitement and sense of accomplishment felt by the many participants has added another dimension to the Tree Trust program.

In fact, two of this year's participants received an award from the Governor of Minnesota honoring their dedication, commitment to excellence and outstanding achievement.

The Tree Trust program is a partnership of The Fairway Foundation, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Tree Trust. Funding for the program is provided by the Summer Youth Work Program for Hennepin County and by the General Mills Foundation.

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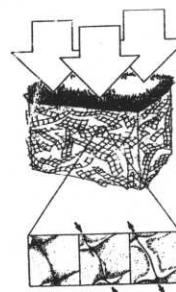
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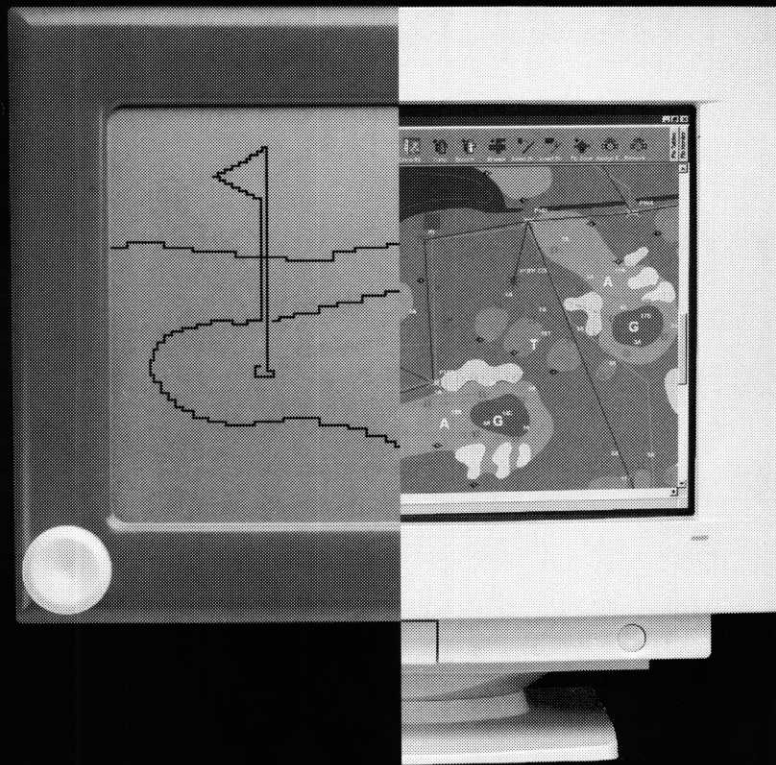
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