MGCSA BOARD UPDATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

By Michael Brower, MGCSA Secretary

New Business

Gary Gardner and Bob Mugaas of the University of Minnesota were on hand to explain the recent opening of a new position of Turfgrass Research/Extension Specialist at the U of M, and the potential impact that this position will have on our industry. They also presented handouts on the latest Environmental Horticulture Degree, and the budget for turfgrass research at the U of M. They were seeking input on how these programs should evolve and how they can best serve the MGCSA. Open discussion took place regarding the Horticulture program offered at the Twin Cities campus and the new Turfgrass degree program offered at the U of M Crookston.

Treasurer's Report

Rob Panuska explained the monthly P & L. Reported that MGCSA investment portfolio with Offerman was down slightly to \$163,490. Discussion on member dues statements and when they are collected. Scott Turtinen reported that 53 regular members and 19 affiliate members did not renew their memberships this year.

Arrangements

Turtinen reported that discussion between the MGCSA and Interlachen Country Club was underway as a possible site for the MGCSA Championship in 2000, and also Deacon's Lodge as a possible site for the Stodola Research Scramble in 2000.

Bylaws

Jim Nicol, CGCS, reported on possible candidates for Board and Officer positions for the upcoming year. Motion made to change the bylaws in Article III, Membership, Class B and C members, to read, in last sentence of each description, "and to hold office, subject to the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 hereof," to replace in last sentence of each description, "except that of holding office."

Membership

Eight new member applications and one reclassification reviewed and motion made to approve.

Public Relations

Paul Eckholm, CGCS, reviewed golf events calendar and the possibility of adding an additional event as a media day. Discussion about possible times to schedule this event, and benefits to MGCSA.

Scholarships

John Queensland reported that there was one new Legacy Scholarship awarded and one renewed, one new Garske Scholarship awarded and one renewed, and five Turfgrass Scholarships were awarded this year. Queensland also thanked his Committee members and those who participated in the 1999 Scholarship Scramble, which showed a profit of \$4,947.

Old Business

Discussion about memberhsip dues, with a historical review of dues costs for MGCSA members and also a comparison with other membership dues for GCSAA Affiliate Chapters from around the country. Discussion about what these dues pay and how they affect the annual budget. Motion made to increase annual membership dues from \$80 to \$95 for the next fiscal year.

MGCSA BOARD UPDATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 11, 1999

By Michael Brower, MGCSA Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Dues revenue is almost to budget figures. Reviewed accountant's report. Rob Panuska is going to the U of M meeting for the new Turf position.

Communications

Aaron Smith sent a thank you letter for his scholarship.

Arrangements

A list of MGCSA meeting dates for 2000 was handed out.

Business Office

Last year's committee reports were handed out to committee chairs as samples to follow when submitting their 1999 reports. Twelve Service Awards will be issued this year. Public Relations information was sent to the sports directors in different areas of the state.

Conference and Education

Annual meeting will not have a reception night; this might hurt attendance. Discussion on how annual meeting and hospitality night would mesh.

Editorial

Shumansky announced that Mike Brower was the only membergenerated article for the Watson Award for 1999. Motion to approve Brower as the Watson winner was passed.

Membership Report

New members and reclassifications were approved.

Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation

The Public Relations program was approved by the MTGF. A committee will be formed with representation from the MGCSA. Jim Nicol, CGCS, and Paul Eckholm, CGCS, will serve on the MTGF Public Relations Committee. Discussion on whom should be hired. Greg Crawford from Oregon was discussed.

Public Relations

The MGCSA Web Page is up. Tom Fischer will send a thank you letter to the MTGF for the PR program.

Research

Research donations will be the same as last year. Motion to approve the donations. The Research Trust Fund allows the MGCSA to use this money for any purpose.

Old Business

Discussion on the MTGF Resolution. Panuska would like to send this resolution to the U of M and the MTGF.

New Business

Nicol nominates Dr. Don White for Distinguished Service Award. Motion carries. Steve Shumansky nominates Leroy Young for Distinguished Service Award. Motion carries.

Birdies, Eagles, Bogies and Buzzards

In 1903, A.H. Smith of Atlantic City, after holing in one better than par, commented, "That's a bird of a show!" The term "birdie was born, and later "eagle" for two under par and "Albatross" for three under par came as a natural extension of the avian metaphor. "Albatross survived in Britain until recent times, but in this country it gave way to "double eagle."

"Bogey" originally meant the standard of play for a good amateur, and was a little easier than the slightly older term par," the standard for professionals and championship class amateurs.

Both allowed two putts on the green. Over the years, the meaning of "bogey" has changed to a score of one over par on a hole while "par" has remained the term for a score of a scratch player.

However, in the old days there was one more "bird" in the golf vocabulary. In his autobiography *Down the*



Fairway, Bobby Jones wrote: Old Man Par is a patient soul, who never shoots a birdie and never incurs a "buzzard." The "buzzard" is a bird not renowned for its beauty. So, if you guessed that "buzzard" meant "double bogey" you are quite right! Today, of course "buzzards," like the dodo are extinct. But, it must be admitted that making a "buzzard" on a hole sounds a lot better than a "double bogey" — especially today when no one will know what you mean! Maybe we should revive the term!

The Proper Method To Repair a Ball Mark

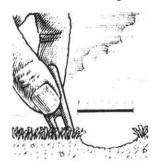
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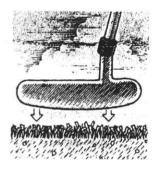
3 Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.



2 Insert at the edges of the mark—not the middle of the depression.



4 Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.



Facts About Golf Courses

The golf experience can be made more pleasurable for all by following posted instructions, repairing divots and fixing ball marks (as shown above).

- A ball mark repaired immediately will heal smoothly intwo to three days, but an unrepaired ball mark will heal unevenly in two to three weeks.
- A square yard of well-maintained golf course turf contains an average of 300 earthworms.
- A typical 18-hole golf course produces enough oxygen to support 4,000 to 7,000 people.
- Golf courses nationwide combine to filter 13 million tons of dust from the air every year.
- What is the potential impact of a metal spike golf shoe? Consider that the average golf shoe has 12 spikes. The average number of steps on a putting green is 56. That means an 18-hole course averaging 200 rounds a day withstands nearly 2.5 million spike marks a day and 72.5 million a month.
- Golf courses provide recreation to more than 25 million people annually, an economic impact of more than \$18 million annually.

(Editor's Note: A camera-ready graphic illustrating the proper method to repair a ball mark is available through the GCSAA service center at 1-800-472-7878. This feature can be copied directly from its 10-by-5-inch layout and distributed through direct mailings, posted on bulletin boards or laminated for display on plaques on your golf course.)

Ramona English Joins Fairway Foundation As Executive Director

Twin Cities at-risk youth will benefit from the help of a new advocate. Ramona English, former resource development director, Phyllis Wheatley Community Center in Minneapolis, joined the Fairway Foundation as executive director effective October 4.

The Fairway Foundation provides Minneapolis and St. Paul urban youth, ages 8 through 16, with opportunities to develop character, honesty, respect, self-esteem, golf and job skills through the game of golf. Scholarships are also offered by the Fairway Foundation program. There are no ethnic, gender or racial boundaries for participants.

English has more than 15 years experience in community outreach and youth advocacy programs. As resource development director for the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, 1998-99, she managed fundraising efforts, secured grants and educated stakeholders and the community about the Center's history, mission and programs. From 1995-98, she provided vision and leadership as a project associate and then as regional director for the

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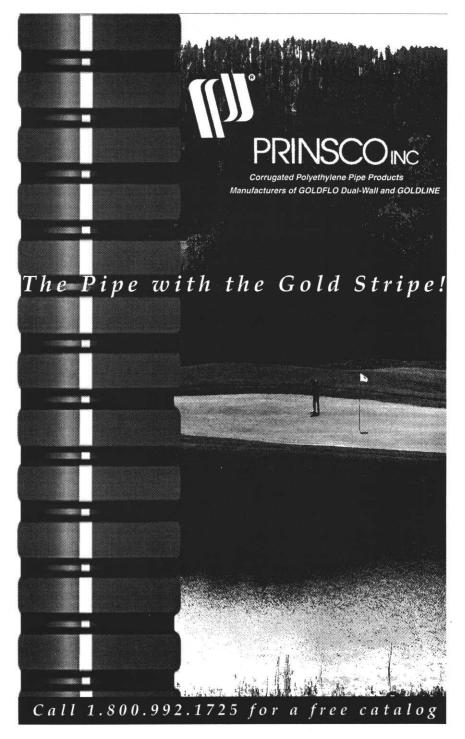
Girl Scout Council of Greater Minnepolis. She has also served the United Negro College Fund and John Deere Company in various capacities.

"With her strong work history and active involvement in community service and education," says Bart Osborn, Fairway Foundation President, "Ramona will generate community awareness and enhance our fundraising efforts which have struggled to keep up with the dramatic increase in participation we have seen with our expanded programs."

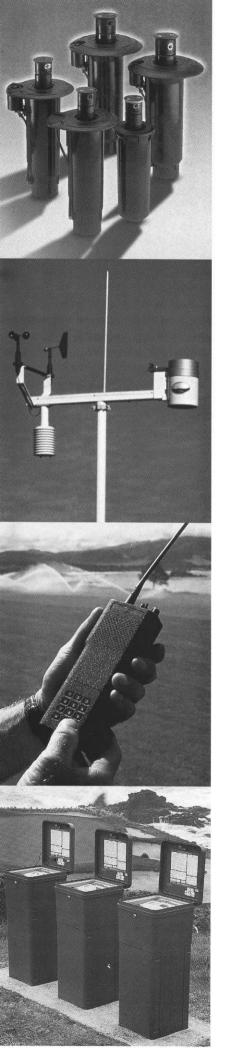
A three-year grant from the United States Golf Association Foundation provided the funds for the Fairway Foundation to seek and hire an executive director. The Fairway Foundation currently serves approximately 500 youth in Minneapolis and St. Paul. This sea-

son's highlight included a new golf camp, girls only clinics, a junior proam with Senior PGA Tour players, the Chi Chi Rodriguez Junior Clinic and meeting Tiger Woods at the Minneapolis Tiger Woods Clinic. Work opportunities for teenage participants continue to grow through a partnership with the Minneapolis Tree Trust summer work program and caddie programs with the Minneapolis and St. Paul parks.

The Fairway Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 by the Minnesota Section of the PGA, the Minnesota Golf Association and the Coldwell Banker Burnet Classic. Offices are in Golden Valley and can be reached at (612) 542-8586.



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Water Birds-

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through the first four nesting attempts. Pairs form in the fall and territories are fiercely defended.

Great Blue Herons

Great Blue Herrons feed on fish, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates such as crayfish, snails and insects. Herons nest communally in a "rookery," building bulky nests of sticks and leaves high in trees or snags. After the breeding season, however, herons go their separate ways. They are generally solitary feeders and are most often seen during migration, and in late summer when breeding and nesting activities have ceased.

Great Egrets

Great Egrets, large, stately white herons with yellow bills and black legs, inhabit marshes, lakes, ponds, coastal shores and mud flats. Here, they slowly wade in shallow water, feeding on aquatic invertebrates, fish and insects. Like most herons, egrets nest in colonies and raise approximately three young per year. Since the 1972 ban on DDT, egret breeding success has greatly increased.

Sandhill Cranes

The Sandhill Crane, one of the largest water birds,



RUNNER-UPS AT ALBION RIDGES were, from left, Jon Almquist, MTI Distributing Co., Cary Femrite, Turf Partners, and Charles Schultz, Indian Hills Country Club.

has a wingspan of 6-7 feet. These birds form long-term relationships with their mates, and young birds remain with adults for up to 10 months after birth. In wet prairies, fields and wetlands, sand-hill cranes eat a varied diet consisting of aquatic invertebrates, plants, insects and small mammals. Drainage of wetland areas has resulted in declining numbers of this species.

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PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AT THE MTGF CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 4:45 P.M.

1999 Recipients of MGCSA Awards

(Editor's Note: The following people will be recognized and given an award by the MGCSA at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 9.)

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Don White	University of Minnesota
LeRoy YoungLe	Roy Young and Associates

35 Year Service Award

Thomas Stelter	Highland 9-Hole GC
Larry Mueller	Minnesota Valley CC

30 Year Service Award

Robert J. Borovansky	Rich Acres GC
Lorin Maenke	Olympic Hills GC
John Queensland	Cedar River CC
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25 Year Service Award

John Kuusinen
John NylundBraemar GC
Mark Smith The Quarry at La Quinta
Larry Thornton Superior Turf Services
Grant Wenkstern

Watson Award

Mike BrowerHillcres	C	U
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Legacy Award

Laura Lee Lenter	Marquette University
John RedmondUniver	rsity of Minnesota—Duluth

Joseph S. Garske Legacy Award

Amy Mounts	University	of Minnesota-	-Morris
Aaron R. Smith		Bethel	College

Scholarship Award

Jason Habeck	. Iowa State	University
Andrew Kjos	Penn State	University
Eric K. Ritter	Penn State	University
Brandon M. Schindele U	niversity of	Minnesota

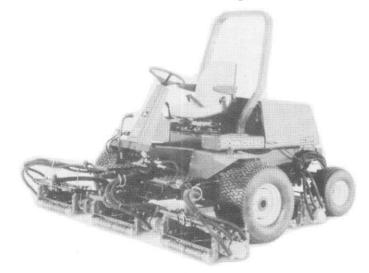
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Public Relations Initiatives

One of the primary objectives for GCSAA is to enhance the image of the superintendent and "brand" the GCSAA superintendent as the key to the economic vitality of the golf course and enjoyment of the game.

Even educated, experienced superintendents and their good work may go unnoticed unless their stories are told and are told to golfers, employers and co-workers. GCSAA

> "We must educate golfers and our employers. If we don't promote our profession and ourselves, no one will."

> > David W. Fearis
> > GCSAA President

President David W. Fearis, CGCS, says, "We must educate golfers and our employers. If we don't promote our profession and ourselves, no one will."

GCSAA CEO Steve Mona, CAE, attributes three current trends with providing an opportunity to GCSAA members to elevate their position in the golf world:

- · The growth and development of golf courses
- The popularity of the game
- High golf expectations

"Therefore, it's the opportune time to make substantial gains in positioning the golf course superintendent as the key to facility profitability and golfer enjoyment," Mona says.

The public relations initiative provides the association and members with different ways to tell this story utilizing traditional PR methods. Within the short span of six months, the campaign will leverage the contributions of superintendents to the game of golf using publicity, television commercials, magazine advertisements and a nationwide sweepstakes.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS: OCTOBER 11, 1999

	Michael Carlson	Class
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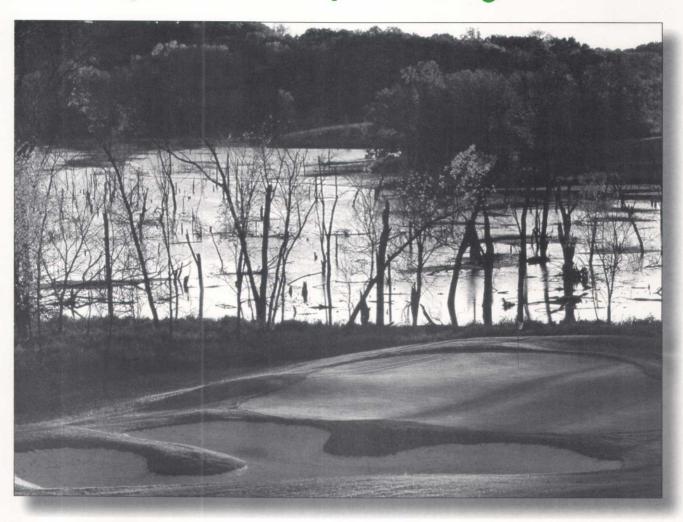
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EDITOR'S CORNER

By Steve Shumansky Perham Lakeside Country Club



Time For A Little R & R?

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to readjust our schedules. For many of us it means we actually get weekends off!! As in all of them for a few months. A little more time to spend with our families, start a winter project, or finish up that one we didn't quite wrap up before our spring rush. Or maybe you're like me and have a mountain of wood that needs to be split before winter is here to stay. Whatever it might be, take some well-deserved time off, sleep in an extra hour or two once in while. Just remember, most of our clubs don't realize how many hours we actually put in during a season, so if you don't take time off and relax this time of year. You won't have ample time to "recharge" your batteries.

A Hunting We Will Go

For many of us, by the time you're reading this, our duck and deer hunting experiences are past us already for the season. Regardless how your hunt was or will be, take in all that nature has to offer. I know that for all of us being ambassadors of nature, we have a great deal of respect for nature. So it's easy for us to enjoy. I cannot stress enough, I hope everyone has or had a safe hunting experience!! Soon our lakes will have a layer of ice over them, and hopefully they will freeze enough to walk on to get a little early ice fishing done. Just be careful in the early weeks. As the DNR states, the ice is never completely safe, so be careful!! If you have a fish house you're putting out, make sure it's ready to go in plenty of time, I know I've done some remodeling of mine already. I just can't figure out how to string cable TV out there yet...ha ha.

The MTGF Turf Conference & Trade Show

Yes, it's also that time of year again. Time to learn a few things, time to see our friends that have, for the most part, only been a voice on the phone most of the season. Time to recertify for our pesticide license. And also check out what's new for the 2000 season at the Trade Show.

I especially look forward to seeing friends that I didn't have a chance to see this past season and find out what's been going on with them. After looking at the roster of speakers and such, this should be one of the best shows ever. If you haven't booked a room in Minneapolis yet, you better get on it; they



are filling up fast. Don't forget about our MGCSA Annual Business Meeting on Thursday the 9th at 4:45 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at the show and meeting!! With that I'll close. See ya next month.

Steve Shumansky Editor



HOSTS AT ALBION RIDGES Head Superintendent Brooks Ellingson, left, and his assistant Leroy Wurm.

Upcoming GCSAA International Golf Course Conferences

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New Orleans, Louisiana February 14 -20

2001

Dallas, Texas February 11-17

2002

Orlando, Florida February 3-9

2003

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2004

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2005

Orlando, Florida February 6-12