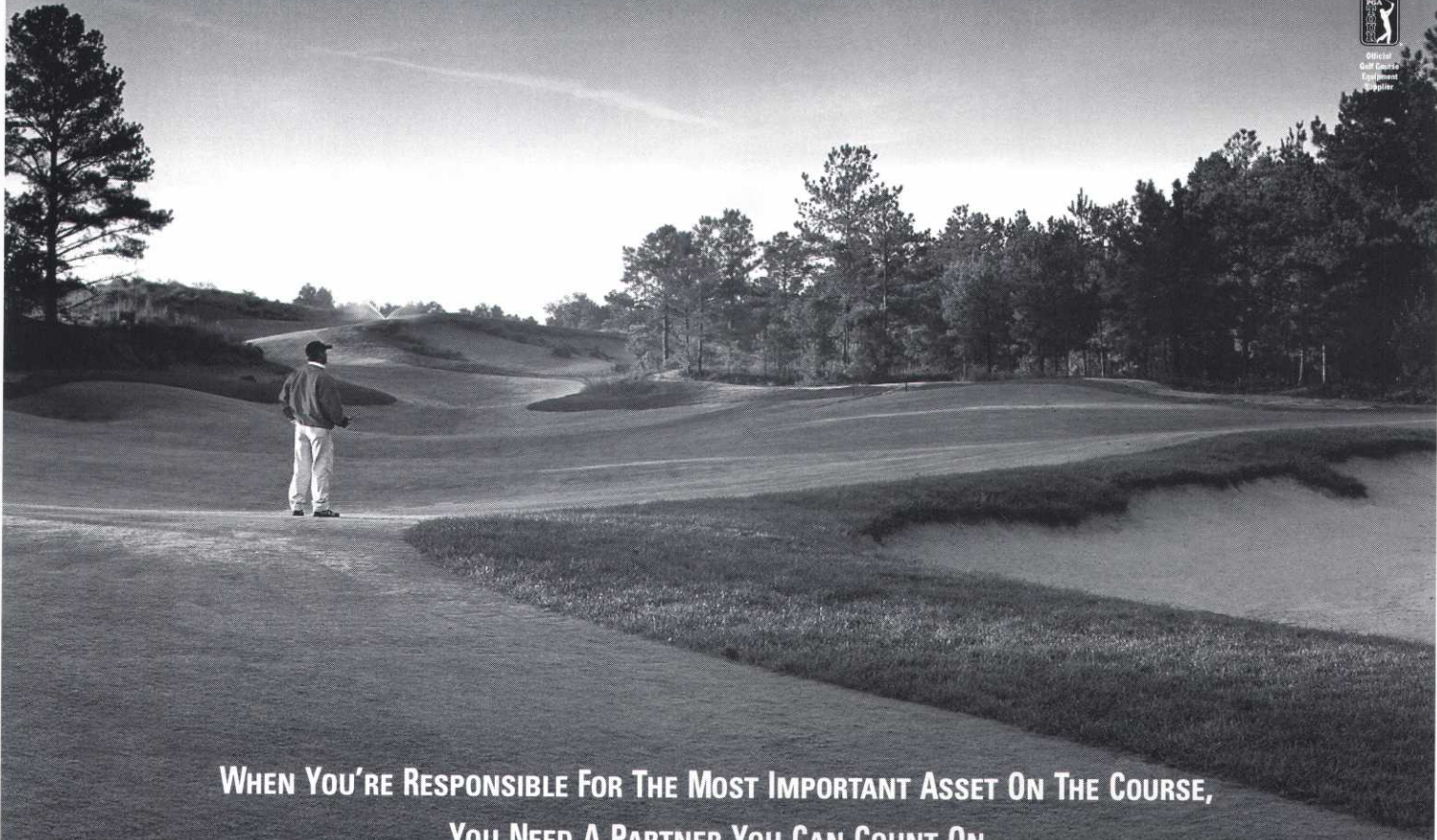


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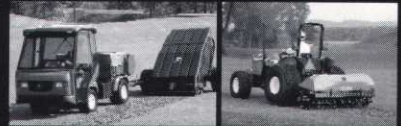


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From Your President's Desk

Thanks, Jim, For Representing The MGCSA So Well!



Rick Fredericksen, CGCSA
MGCSA President

I have known Jim Nicol, Superintendent at Hazeltine National, for approximately fifteen years now and had the opportunity to work with him on several committees on our Board over the years. As I read and watched interviews of Jim during the PGA Championship, it was not too much different than sitting across the table from him in a meeting. He has always been very professional in the manner he conducts himself and the way he represents the industry.

As an association, I would like to thank Jim for organizing the Turf Management Tent at Hazeltine and the vendors that helped support it. Several superintendents, families and staff took the opportunity to relax and enjoy the amenities that were provided in the tent. There was also an opportunity to visit with local superintendents, along with those from other areas. Everyone commented on the hospitality extended by Jim and the vendors. Thank you for representing us so well.

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The USGA Spec Research Green at the Turf Research, Outreach and Education Center (TROE) was seeded on August 26. There are pictures of the construction of the green in this issue of Hole Notes. You will also find a list of suppliers and contractors who helped with contributions of time or material in this issue. With the support of the vendors, the MGCSA, and the leadership of Paul Eckholm, Brian Horgan, and Troy Carson, the TROE Center is being built.

The MGCSA has made a sizable commitment to help fund the TROE Center. The Research Committee has committed \$100,000 from the Research Trust Fund over the next four years to help with construction. The first installment of \$25,000 was presented to the University of Minnesota at their annual field day held July 25th. This donation was the start of an endowment dedicated to the development of the TROE Center. Although the funds to support our commitment will come from the Trust Fund, the Board of Directors intend to keep the trust fund at or near the \$100,000 level, which is part of the original Articles of the Trust. You can help support the trust fund by participating in the Stodola Scramble being held at Woodhill Country Club on September 23. You may also contribute directly to the research. Rob Panuska is sending out a letter to clubs and affiliate members asking for contributions. Please be of assistance with the paperwork to help your club or business make a contribution to this exciting project.

-- Rick Fredericksen
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UPCOMING MGCSA EVENTS

Monday, October 7
PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION
 Host: Fred Taylor, CGCS
 Mankato Golf Club
 Mankato, Minnesota

Monday, September 23
STODOLA SCRAMBLE
 Host: Rick Fredericksen, CGCS
 Woodhill Country Club
 Wayzata, Minnesota

Steve Busch Beats Bruce Leland in Playoff to Capture 2002 MGCSA Championship at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's

Steve Busch, GreenImage, beat Bruce Leland, Bridge America, Inc., on the first playoff hole to win the 2002 MGCSA Championship at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's on August 26th. Both players shot three over par 75s. Last year's champion Barry Provo shot 79 to finish in a tie for fourth.

Hosts Tom Kientzle, CGCS, Director of Golf at Cragun's, and Matt McKinnon, Superintendent, and their staff, had the course in great shape for this year's championship. Blue skies and pleasant weather made for a very enjoyable time to be "up north."

Mike Redmond, Andersons Golf Products, won first flight honors with a net 66 to edge Brian Deyak, MAC Golf Course, by one shot.

The second flight was won by MTI Distributing's Jon Almquist who carded a net 65 to win by five shots over Dave Schmidt, Cragun's.

John Stapp, Katehaven Golf Course, won the Callaway Flight by netting a 61. Finishing a distant second, nine shots back, was Tim Berquam, Bergerson-Caswell, Inc., who netted a 70.

John Beyer, Pine Meadows, shot a net 61 to win the Senior Flight. Finishing three shots back was Doug Daniel, Cycle Works of Minnesota.

Former champion Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club, won the long drive contest for the second year in a row. Closest-to-the-pin honors went to Mike Redmond; Scott Held, Blackberry Ridge Golf Course; Matt Schmid, Pleasant Acres Golf Club, and David Kirscht, David A Kirscht and



TOM KIENTZLE, CGCS, left, Director of Golf at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's with Superintendent Matt McKinnon co-hosted the MGCSA Championship on August 26th.

Associates.

Thanks again to Tom Kientzle, Matt McKinnon and all the staff at Cragun's for providing the MGCSA with a first-class championship.

Up next on the MGCSA schedule is a pesticide recertification session at Mankato Golf Club on Monday, October 7th followed by the Stodola Scramble on September 23rd at Woodhill Country Club. (See Results on Page 7.)

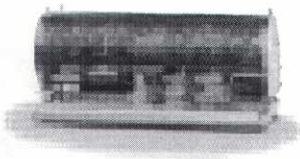
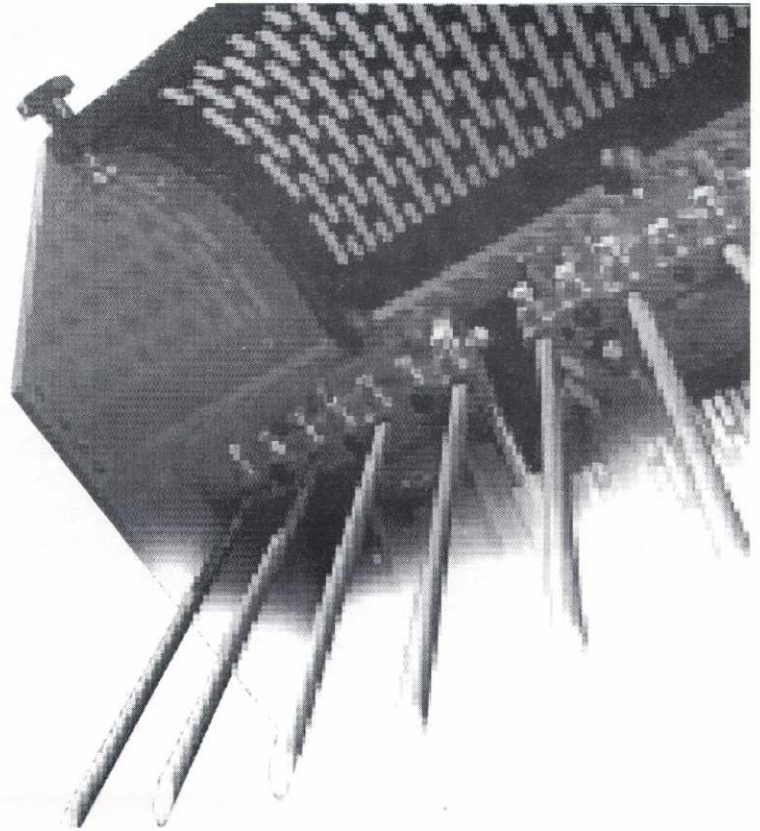


CHAMPION STEVE BUSCH, right, won this year's MGCSA championship by defeating Bruce Leland, left, in a playoff. Both players shot 75s at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's.

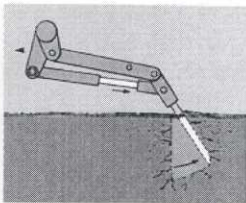


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MGCSA Championship Results

AUGUST 26, 2002
THE LEGACY COURSES AT CRAGUN'S
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

CHAMPIONSHIP (gross scores)

75	Steve Busch (won playoff)
75	Bruce Leland
77	Dennis Perreault
79	Barry Provo
79	Brian Brown
80	Jeff Pint
81	Tom Schirck
82	James Bade
83	Jeff Backstrom
84	Steve Roxberg
84	Dan Hinton
84	David Johnson
86	Jeff Johnson
86	Todd Daniels
88	Tom Kientzle, CGCS
88	Tom Notch
88	Jeff Bohler
89	Bruce Ellingson
91	Mike Nelson
92	Tom Schmidt
93	Walter Braunig, Jr.
95	Scott Elsenpeter
96	Greg Simon
96	Brad Klein
97	James Gardner, CGCS

FIRST FLIGHT (net scores)

66	Mike Remond
67	Brad Deyak
69	Tom Mundy
69	Paul Jones
70	M. Anderson
70	Luke Kilgard
70	Joe Gellerman
71	Tom Stout
71	David Kirscht
72	Dave Kazierczak
72	Dale Parske
72	Leroy Wurm
73	Rick Traver, CGCS
73	Dave Krupp
74	Terry Negen
74	Todd Ramler
75	Bill Irving
75	Larry Gorman
75	Goerge Peterson
76	Chris Bach
77	Rob Stern

77	Jeff McDowell
77	Scott Held
78	Matt Schmid
78	Chris Schoenrock
80	Dan Brown
81	Brian Evanson
84	Scott Weltzin, CGCS
85	Willie Raderschadt
87	Jeff Vinkemeier
88	Matt Kuha
91	Cary Femrite
94	Wes Stoneback
107	Scott Mattson
108	Jim Schmitz

SECOND FLIGHT (net scores)

65	Jon Almquist
70	Dave Schmidt
71	Dennis Bain
80	Jared Hackenmueller
81	Tom Johanns
83	Clif Cline
83	Mark Goettig
86	Tim Wickland
87	Matt McKinnon
88	Bob Frank
89	Dave Musser
93	Mark Lies

CALLAWAY FLIGHT (net scores)

61	John Stapp
70	Tim Berquam
72	Dave Oberle
72	Tom Lundgren
74	Peter Grover
74	Brent Berkovitz
96	Brad Smith

SENIOR FLIGHT (net scores)

61	John Beyer
64	Doug Daniel
65	Terry Ward
70	Bill MacDonald
71	Steve Garske
72	Cyril Flem
74	Jim O'Neil
75	John Monson
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PICTURED WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY is Steve Busch, left, with MGCSA Executive Director Scott Turtinen. The trophy was donated by Bruce Leland, who was defeated by Busch in a playoff at this year's Championship.

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MTGF Update

By **LARRY VETTER**
MTGF Executive Director

The University of Minnesota Turf and Grounds Field Day started with showers but ended up on a high note. Approximately 145 people attended the event, which is about double the turnout for last year. The official groundbreaking for the new TROE (Turf Research, Outreach and Education) Center took place during lunch and those in attendance witnessed the beginning of a new era in the turf program at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Phil Larsen, Associate Dean of COAFES, officiated with a number of dignitaries in attendance. Among others, our president Greg Hubbard addressed the group as well as Paul Eckholm (coordinator of the Drive For The U Program) and Rick Fredericksen, President of MGCSA. Rick and Rob Panuska presented Dr. Larsen with a \$25,000 check from MGCSA to help kick off the fund raising effort for this facility.

Speaking of the TROE Center, work is progressing at a rapid pace on the site. Old fencing has been removed, the dozer work has been completed for the putting greens, drainage is installed and the irrigation materials have been delivered. Since starting this paragraph I paid another visit to the site in order to address some members of MSTMA. Not only was the irrigation material delivered but most of it is now already in the ground. Absolutely amazing how fast things are progressing over there. If you get a chance, it's worth the time to see the progress.

Speaking of the latest developments, most of you were aware that Dr. Jon Powell is leaving us to "go back home" to Michigan. What very few were aware of is that it was far from certain that funding to continue that position would be allocated. Given the severe budget cuts at the University no commitment was being made. I had been communicating with various people within the University indicating the importance of continued funding for the position. Preparations were being made for an all-out assault of letters, e-mails and phone calls to the administration if it became necessary. Then it was announced that the college had approved continued funding and the search for Jon's replacement could go forward.

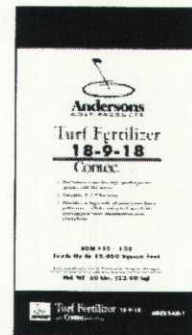
Plans are in place for the pesticide recertification program on October 15, 2002 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. The mailing will be going out at the end of this month and will be sent first-class to avoid the problems we have experienced with bulk, non-profit mailings recently. At the time of this writing, we are investigating the possibility of hosting another recertification program at Madden's in early November. Every attempt will be made to have both events publicized with the same mailing if in fact the November program is to occur.

Any doubts about The Minnesota Green Expo being a great idea can be put to rest from the vendors' point of view. The exhibits are now officially "Sold Out" and this was accomplished without having to make a general mailing to those who were not previous exhibitors. This exceeds our financial model on the revenue side while saving on the expense side for printing and mailing costs that we thought would be necessary to accomplish this goal.

The next regularly scheduled MTGF Board Meeting is set for September 18, 2002, 7:00 a.m. in 310 Alderman Hall on the St. Paul Campus. We are still looking for committee volunteers and would welcome any and all to our lists.

— Larry Vetter

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