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"Without a doubt, the sun poses one of the biggest dangers to the eyes," said Robert A. Davis, O.D., F.A.A.O., head of the Florida Institute for Sports Vision and team optometrist for the Miami Dolphins. "Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can be painful - like a 'sunburn of the eye' - but it can also be more serious. A number of studies have shown that the effects of UV radiation are cumulative and may increase your chance of developing cataracts. It is crucial that people protect their eyes from the sun."

Ultraviolet light is the component of sunlight most responsible for eye damage. Ultraviolet light rays come in three main types

*Long-term exposure of the eye to UV light affects not only its surface (cornea and conjunctiva), but also its internal structures (lens and retina).*

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"One Source solidifies and strengthens the John Deere commitment to the golf and turf industry," says Gregg Breningmeyer, director of marketing and sales, Golf & Turf One Source.

The launch marks the end of a successful two-year pilot program during which suppliers and John Deere distributors worked closely to align their services and prepare the One Source program for its debut. One Source product partners include Advanced Microbial Solutions (AMS), Aquamaster, Calcium Silicate Corporation, Hancor, Howard Fertilizer, Hunter, John Deere Landscapes, Nu-Gro, Profile Products, Progressive Turf, Spring Valley and Turf-seed.

### MGCSA Members On the Move...

MGCSA members enjoying new surroundings include: Jeff Ische, Golden Valley Country (*previously Spring Hill Golf Club*); Andrew Larsen, Rolling Green Country Club (*previously The Minikahda Club*); Barry Hines, Izaty's Golf & Yacht Club (*previously Wild Ridge*); David Johnson, Greystone Golf Club (*previously Buffalo Heights Golf Course*); Bruce Leivermann, Montgomery Golf Club; Pat Morstad Stalker Lake Golf Club (*previously The Classic at Madden's*); Brian Brown, Chisago Lakes Golf Club (*previously Ferndale Country Club*); Troy Carson, The Toro Co. (*previously University of Minnesota*); C. Bruce Klinkner, Ferndale Country Club (*previously Rolling Green Country Club*); David Longville, Wild Ridge and Mill Run Golf Complex (*previously Sawmill-Loggers Trail*), and Charles Kornmann, The Classic at Madden's (*previously Fox Hollow Golf Club*). Jeff Johnson welcomes Jake Schmitz to his staff at The Minikahda Club as his 1st Assistant.

### Jay Yonak Wins March Caption Contest

Top caption writers from last month's "Name the Caption" contest were Jay Yonak, The Links at Northfork; John Monson, Long Prairie Country Club; Rob Adams, The Ponds at Battle Creek, and Steve Garske, Par Aide. Jay's winning entry was "Toro's new lateral hazard marker." John suggested "duh...I think I will build a replica of Stonehenge out of Workmans." Rob added "Been there, done that." Steve noted that there is a prominently displayed decal on that vehicle that says "Please Leave Vehicle OUT OF Water Hazard. Thanks to all those that entered."



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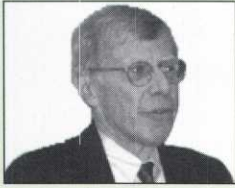
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# MTGF

and University of Minnesota News

By LARRY VETTER  
MTGF Executive Director

There have been a number of developments that impact members of the MGCSA in recent months. In somewhat chronological order, the first of these is that the Horticultural Science Department has a new Department Head, Dr. Thomas Michaels. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Michaels comes to us from the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada where he served for the past seven years as the Associate Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College. In this role Tom was responsible for the college's undergraduate programs which encompass four campuses, as well as continuing education programs. Since his arrival on the St. Paul campus, I've had the pleasure of meeting with him on a number of occasions. As a result of these meetings it has become very obvious that he will be a strong supporter of the turf and grounds industries in this area.

**More recently, Dr. Don White's replacement in now on board** and we are all very excited to have this position filled. Dr. Eric Watkins, originally from Minnesota, comes to us from Rutgers University with a specialty in breeding and plant genetics. Dr. Watkins officially started on February 1st of this year and is quickly getting up to speed. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, Eric began his Ph.D. program in plant biology at Rutgers University where he was able to study and experience all aspects of a world-class turfgrass breeding program under the direction of Dr. William Meyer. Eric hopes to use the skills and knowledge that he gained at Rutgers to effectively train students in turfgrass science as well as develop an extensive turfgrass breeding research program at the University of Minnesota.

**While the staff additions mentioned above are very positive,** the same cannot be reported for the turfgrass pathology position. The MTGF continues to look for ways to assist the University in filling this

position. Given the current budget situation, it appears unlikely that this position will be filled in the near future. Dr. Chuck Muscoplat, Dean of COAFES, continues to state that filling this position is one of his highest priorities. However, until funding improves or retirements within the College take place, this position cannot be filled.

*At the March (MTGF) meeting a significant amount of funds were allocated for discussions with University officials in an effort to jump-start the planning stage for a building on the TROE Center site on the St. Paul campus.*

Realizing how important this position is, particularly to the golf industry, the MTGF offered to assist in filling this position with a \$90,000.00 offer spread over three years. Unfortunately even this amount of financial support was not enough to bridge the gap between current funding and expenses. This offer of support remains on the table in the event that budget conditions improve at the University.

**On a brighter note,** the Board of Directors of the MTGF at its March 2004 meeting approved an extensive agenda in support of research, teaching and outreach in various areas of the turf and grounds industries. Funding for several programs in the Horticultural Science Department were approved totaling \$60,000.00. This donation has been made in support of the following: a research technician for Dr. Brian Horgan's program; maintenance of the TROE Center; Dr. Eric Watkins' research activities in developing new turfgrass varieties; Brad Pedersen's landscape program; and three different research projects being

conducted by Dr. Jeff Gillman that are associated with stem girdling roots.

**Also at the March meeting** a significant amount of funds were allocated for discussions with University officials in an effort to jump-start the planning stage for a building on the TROE Center site on the St. Paul campus. A meeting with the Executive Committee of the MTGF and University administration personnel is scheduled for early April to explore this possibility. This facility is now on the six-year University plan but the MTGF is hoping to help speed that process using this approach.

While the above addresses research activities and facilities, the MTGF Board of Directors also approved additional activities for the coming year. A Pesticide Recertification Workshop has been

scheduled for October 20, 2004 at Midland Hills Country Club.

Pending input from the MDA, an out-state workshop may also be added in the fall of 2004. In addition, the MTGF will be scheduling a Power Limited Technician recertification workshop in the fall of 2004. As a supplement to that workshop, the two-hour code requirement for this recertification will be scheduled during the

2005 Minnesota Green Expo. The scheduling of that session will definitely not compete with the Pesticide Recertification sessions at the Expo. The dates for the next Minnesota Green Expo are January 5, 6 and 7, 2005 with the Pesticide Recertification portion being January 7th. Your MGCSA Education Committee has met and come up with a great list of speakers and topics for the '05 Expo. Taking advantage of this great education and networking event is one of the best investments you can make for yourself and the future of your profession.

**Your MTGF continues to pursue its mission** "to promote the green industries in Minnesota through support of research, education and outreach at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere". MGCSA is certainly playing a lead role in the pursuit of that mission and together we are having a positive impact on the quality of the turf and grounds areas throughout this part of the country. Hopefully your courses have come out of winter with minimum damage and the coming season will be kind to all of you who work so hard to make the world a better place in which to live.

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# The Never Ending Battle

By PAUL ECKHOLM, CGCS  
MGCSA Legislative Committee Chair

## Rearing Its Ugly Head

Just when we thought that the issue of phosphorous use on golf courses was settled, the new legislative session convened. In January, Larry Vetter informed me that a member of the legislature wanted to speak with me concerning our "exemption" in the phosphorous law. I patiently awaited the call that never came. That is until only two days into the session. Rep. Denny McNamara (former president of the MNLA) called and informed me that he was a co-author of a bill that would take the phosphorous legislation state-wide and eliminate the "exemption" held by golf courses, a bill pushed by the Minnesota Lakes Association.

## Swing Into Action

After speaking with Rep. McNamara

for about 30 minutes I was able to articulate our position that we are not "exempt" from the law but in fact we are voluntarily holding ourselves to a higher standard than the soil test option. Following this

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utive Director of the MNLA, and confirmed that they were not involved as well as to get inside information on Rep. McNamara and his possible reasoning.



E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS

Now, loaded for bear, I again called Mr. Carnival to relay all of this information to aid him in his discussions with the bill authors and the other powerful players at

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the Capitol. Then it was time to wait for the actual bill introduction and see what language was in it. This took place during the GCSAA Conference and Show. I visited the internet café and looked up the bill and thankfully noted that the language pertaining to golf courses was intact. This is no guarantee that it will remain, but it gives us better footing to start.

## The Aftermath

As you can see, this is truly a team effort. With an established network of people, all of whom are kept up to date, we can significantly affect how we are seen and treated at the Capitol. We must all continue to do our part environmentally, since perception is a strong player in the halls of the legislature.

call I immediately got on the phone with MGA Executive Director Tom Ryan to confirm that they would continue to allow us to use their lobbyist Doug Carnival. Next came the call directly to Mr. Carnival. I explained the situation, who was involved and the action I would like him to take. Together we came up with a plan of attack and moved forward. Remember, to this point no bill had been introduced. However, with all things at the Capitol, preemption is always the best route. The next call was to Greg Buzicky, Director of the Department of Agriculture. I informed him of the bill, which he had no knowledge of, and explained our position and asked if the Department had changed their stance regarding golf courses. He assured me their stand was the same and that he felt that we were in a stronger position now than in the past.

Following this call I spoke with Bob Fitch, exec-

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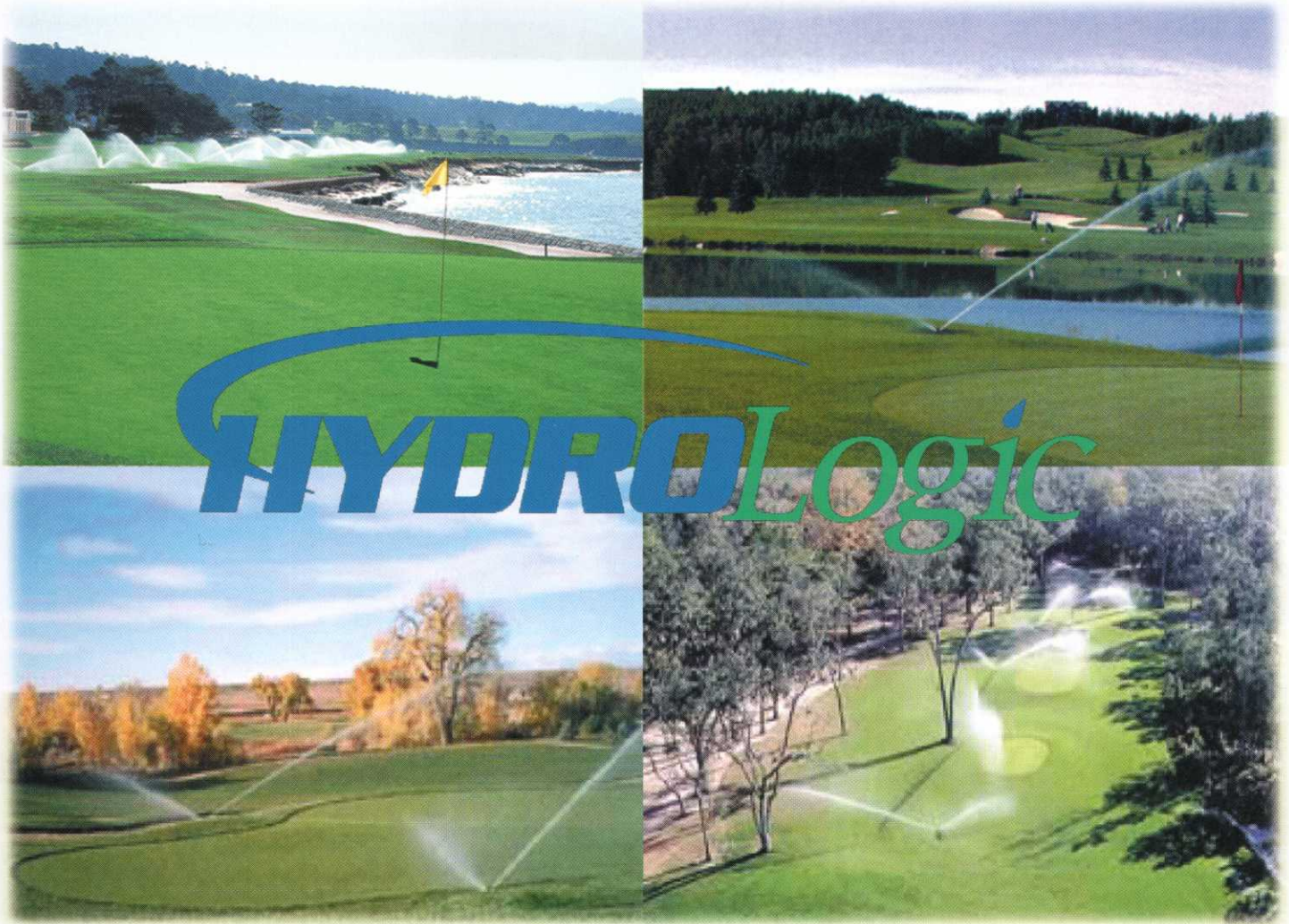
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