

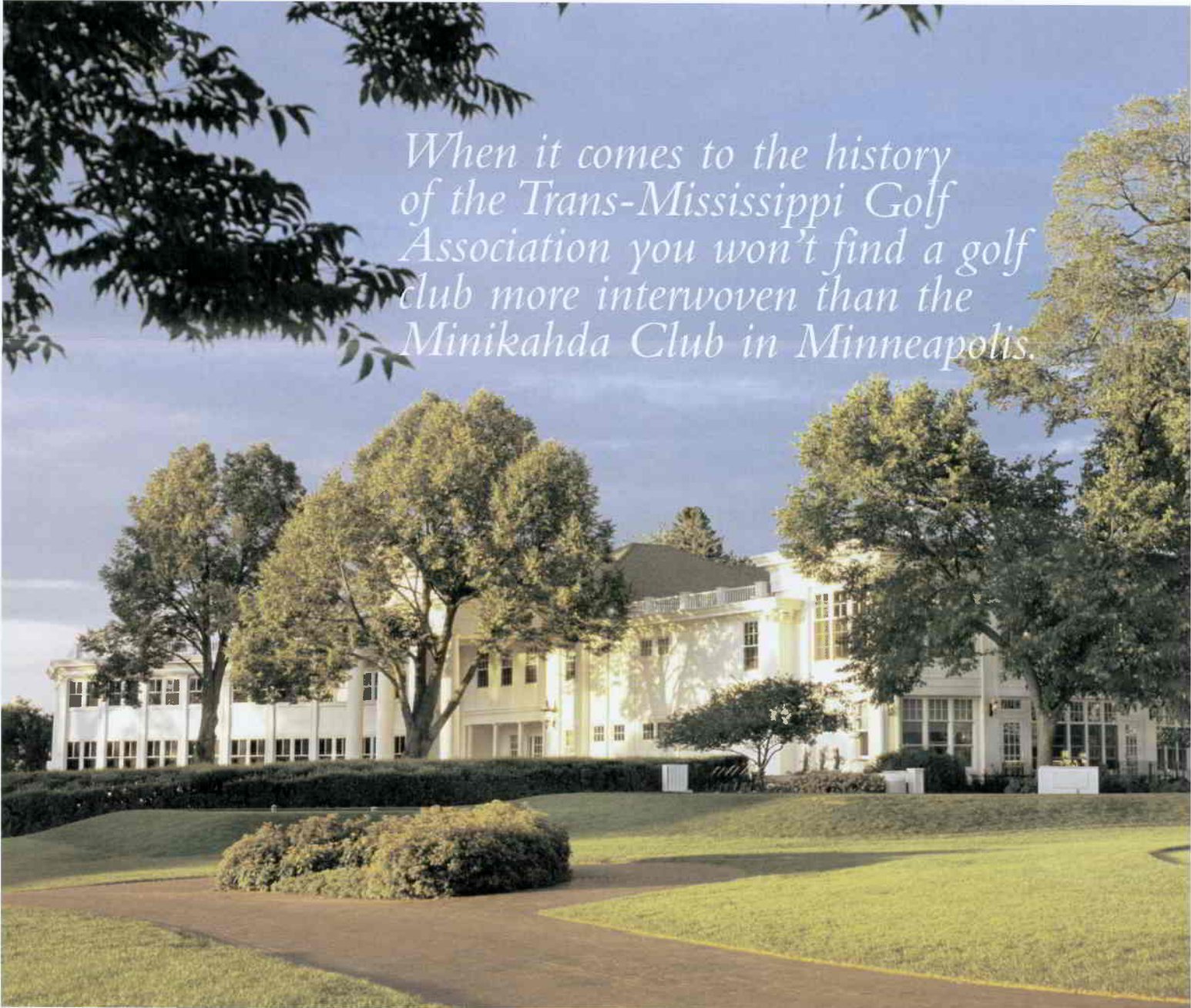


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Historic Minikahda Club hosting Trans-Miss **Minneapolis course will be site for sixth time.**



When it comes to the history of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association you won't find a golf club more interwoven than the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis.

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Greetings

Dear Trans-Miss Supporters,

■ Spring is a great time for golf and golfers. It is a new season. With new clubs (or new grips on old clubs) and a new, longer golf ball we anticipate the sight and smell of our golf course popping out in green.

■ Let's not forget that while Mother Nature plays a big hand in the golf course wakening, the golf course superintendent is the one who gives it the playability and pleasing aesthetics through meticulous grooming and the application of needed nutrients and water. These talented and skilled professionals are the bedrock of our game.

■ My fellow Trans-Miss directors and I are proud to support the education of young people who aspire to keep our game great. The Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund is growing every year and we are making plans to add to the Fund so that we can increase the amount of the awards given. The stark reality is that it is very expensive to get an education as a golf course superintendent. If we want to attract quality students to the profession then we need to lend a financial hand!

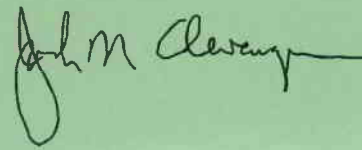
■ You or your club can help by maintaining your club membership, participating in our championships or making a tax-deductible donation. If you need information on any of those alternatives, see our website at www.trans-miss.com.

■ The Trans-Miss board of directors recently held its annual meeting and I am pleased to welcome to the board some outstanding new directors. John Goode from Killeen, Texas is a past winner of the Trans-Miss championship. Phil White from Dallas, Texas is an executive with the Bank of America and has been a frequent Trans-Miss participant. Stan Smazal is a Cherry Hills Country Club member from Denver who has also played in several Trans-Miss events. Wilson Schoellkopf, Jr. our Brook Hollow Golf Club director since 1981 has "graduated" to life director status. Our new directors will have some huge shoes to fill!

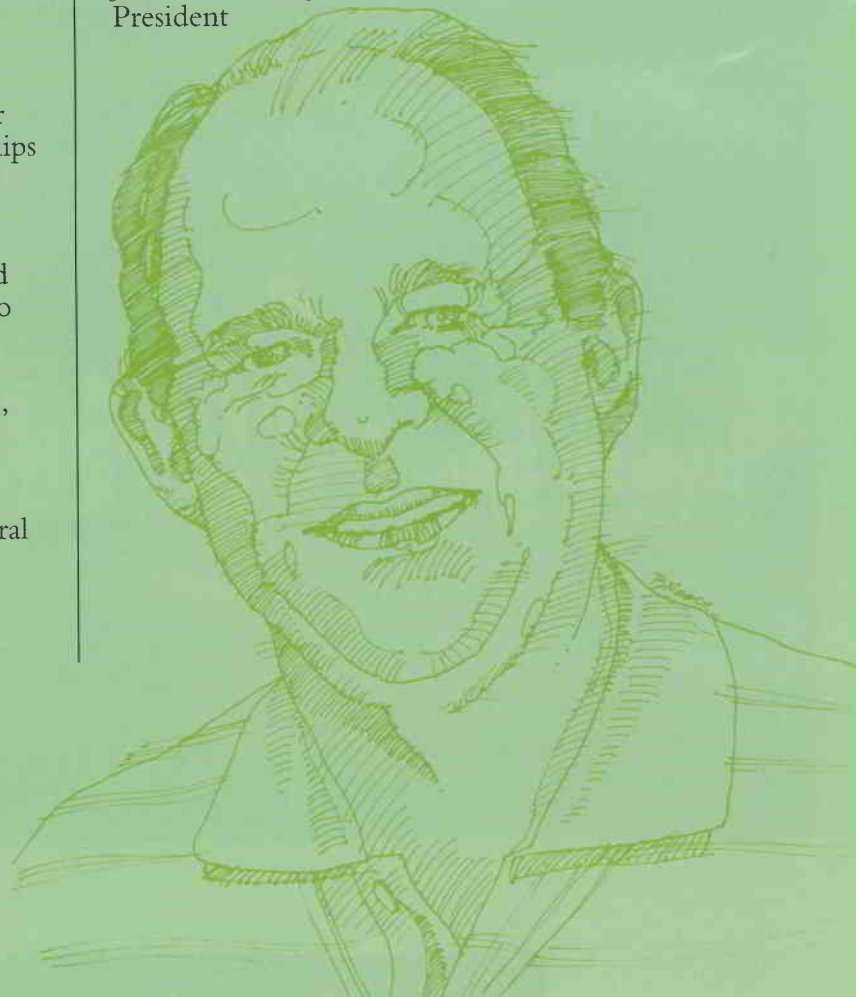
■ Please take a moment to review the list of recent Trans-Miss scholars found in this newsletter. Your club might need a new highly educated graduate for your maintenance staff!

■ We also look forward to staging two outstanding championships this year at The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis and at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in California. Entry forms can be obtained from the website. We would welcome your participation.

Best regards,



Jack N. Clevenger
President



In keeping with that tradition, the northern gem will serve as host for the Trans-Miss Championship for a sixth time July 8-14.

■ The event was first held at the course in 1904 and was last contested there in 1994. And Minikahda, ranked by Golf Digest the sixth-best American Classic Course last year, boasts an impressive list of championships held: 1916 U.S. Open, 1927 U.S.

Amateur, 1957 Walker Cup, 1988 U.S. Women's Amateur, 1998 Curtis Cup and a slew of Minnesota State Amateur Championships.

■ Originally designed by club pro Willie Watson, who also designed nearby Interlachen, the course got updates from legendary architects Thomas Bendelow in 1908 and Donald Ross in 1916-20. Ross specialist Ron Pritchard over-hauled the course in 2001-03. So don't expect to use only seven clubs as amateur Charles "Chick" Evans did in shooting a two-over 286 in winning the '16 Open.

Regally Ross

■ Playing to a modest-by-today's standards 6,800 yards, Minikahda challenges players with tree-lined fairways, diabolically placed bunkering and Ross-style greens. It's a "thinking-man's" golf course in the truest sense. The card lists just one par 4 longer than the 436-yard second — the 476-yard 14th. But trying to over-power the course is a mistake.

■ One recent review called it "a track you could play day in and day out and never tire from it." The front 9 includes three challenging par 3s and three par 5s, two requiring strategic shot placement around doglegs. The difficult second hole offers tall encroaching trees on both sides of the fairway, well-placed bunkering and a smallish green.

■ The backside starts with the No. 1 handicap hole, the 434-yard, par-4 tenth. A straight drive from the elevated tee is required to avoid the trees and two deep bunkers on the right. A deep slope and another bunker well below the green protect

a 34-yard deep putting surface. Club selection is key at the par-3 11th, the last of the short holes. The back nine closes with four par 4s. They're not back breakers, but do require precise drives and accurate approach shots.

By the Water

■ Minikahda's original clubhouse still stands today. The beautiful structure overlooks Lake Calhoun and features a sensational view of Minneapolis proper. The course and club have withstood the test of time and, with Pritchard's recent work, Minikahda, Sioux for "by the water," is returning to its ranking as one of the most prestigious clubs in the region.

The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is now accepting entries for the match play championship, with a deadline for entry set at May 31st. Entry forms are available on the association website (www.trans-miss.com). There are divisions for both mid-amateur and senior golfers.

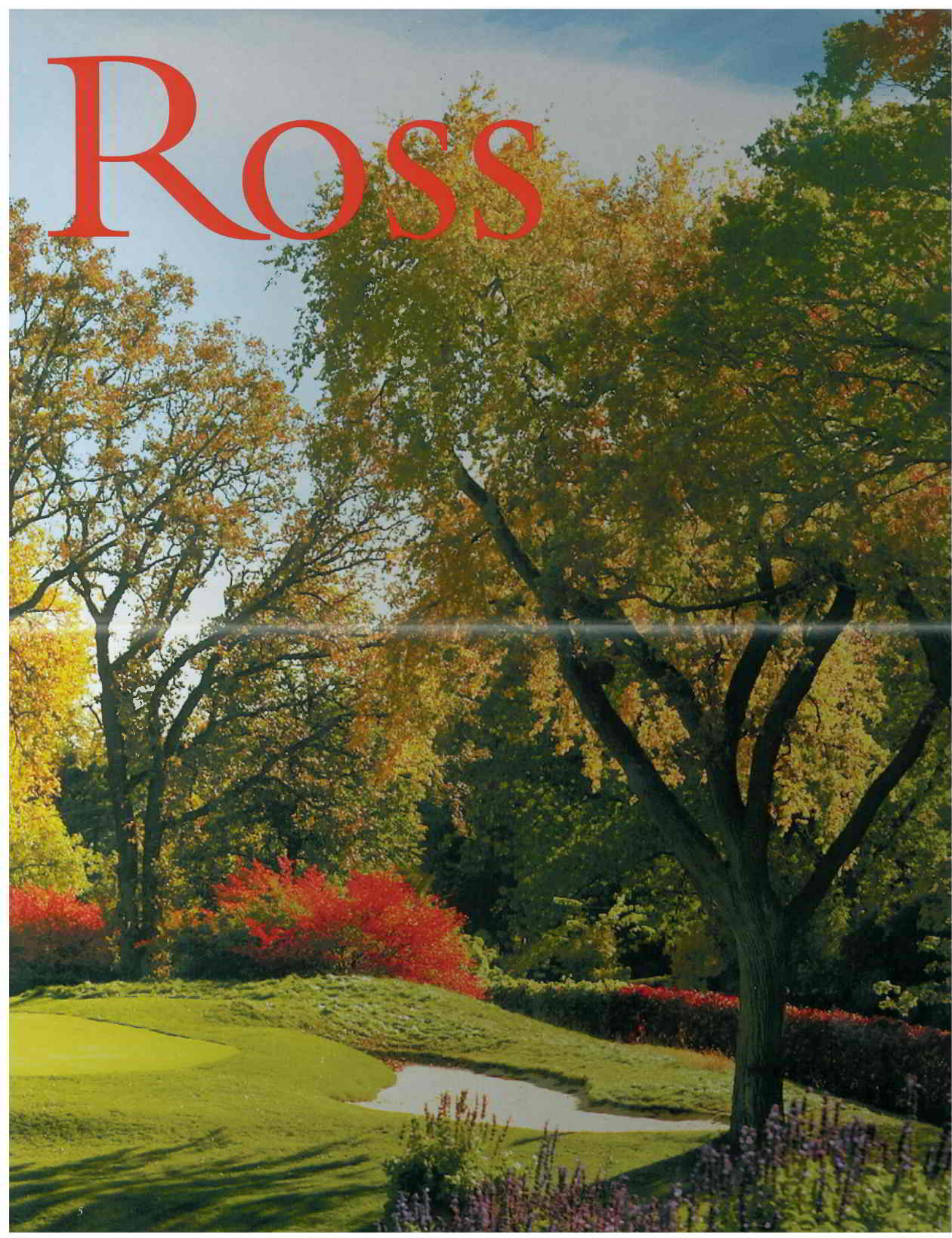
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2006-07 Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholars

The University of Arizona
Noah Gessler

California State Polytechnic University – Pomona
Armen I. Malazian - Kent W. Kurtz Memorial Turf Scholarship
Kevin White
Jon Cancel

Colorado State University
Jared D. Wise
Charles S. Redder
John E. Davis

Iowa State University
Drew Showalter
Matthew Klingenberg

Kansas State University
Matthew D. Gourlay
Matt Duerfeldt

Lake City Community College
Christopher Knox Mack
Laurie Bland

Michigan State University
Troy Joseph Looney - Robert E. Vickers Memorial Turf Scholarship
Scott Grego
John Smalley
Eric David
Custer Carland
Tyler Wenger

University of Minnesota
Ryan John Moy - Francis M. Whittaker Special Memorial Turf Scholarship
Ryan Browning - Francis M. Whittaker Memorial Turf Scholarship
Mike Henning - Francis M. Whittaker Memorial Turf Scholarship

Mississippi State University
Jordan Carlisle

University of Missouri – Columbia
Ryan Markway

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Bradley W. Cheney
Jared Kalina

The Ohio State University
Jeffrey M. Ritzert - Jack Nicklaus Turf Scholarship
Andrew Shaul - Jack Nicklaus Turf Scholarship

Oklahoma State University
Brett A. Shupe
Nathan Winters

Oregon State University
Steven Beyer
Jeff Cady

The Pennsylvania State University
Emily C. Shircel - Robert E. Vickers Memorial Turf Scholarship
Scott J. Martell
Kevin Collier

Purdue University
Jason L. Narwold - James W. Vickers Turf Scholarship
David Weiss - James W. Vickers Turf Scholarship

South Dakota State University
Roger Smidstra

Texas A&M University
Charles Fontanier - J. Curtis Ford Memorial Turf Scholarship
Jeff Mathes
Travis Moore
Douglas Reed Rivers
Patrick Riley Maxey
Travis Richard Ellis

Utah State University
Jordan Oldham



**Strong roots in golf,
Matt Gourlay follows
father David's example.**

- With their deep tradition in the game of golf it seems only fitting that the Gourlay family has produced one of the first father/son tandems to receive Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund awards.

- David W. Gourlay, who runs the Golf Generations management company and serves as General Manager for Kansas State University's Colbert Hills Golf Course, and son Matt, a KSU student, now have the same entry on their resume: Trans-Miss scholar.

- At the same time, Travis Moore, a turfgrass student at Texas A&M University, accomplished the same generational feat. His father Jim was a Trans-Miss scholar at Texas A&M and graduated in 1980 and has been a well known and respected USGA Green Section manager/advisor for many years.

- "The recognition to be honored by such an association was very gratifying and humbling," the elder Gourlay recalls. "The scholarship certainly helped provide financial aide, but more importantly gave me the confidence and drive to finish my degree. It still sticks out as one of the emotional highs in my life."

- "I'm very happy for Matt getting into the business. (My wife Barbara and I) didn't encourage our children in that direction, but he really enjoys the science and art of golf course maintenance."

Dating to Old Tom

- The Gourlay's can trace their roots right back to the game's first course caretaker, Old Tom Morris – literally. Golf ball and club makers back in Scotland, the family produced a woman who became Old Tom's second wife.

- So it's probably little wonder that David's father, David Sr., spent 50 years as a golf course superintendent in Canada and was a founding father of the Canadian GCSA back in the 1960s.

- David Jr. began his turf education at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, before moving to

Penn State for a year and then finishing up at Texas A&M in the early 1980s. It was at College Station that he earned his Trans-Miss scholarship on two occasions.

- "I'm a big proponent of education...it's almost mandatory in the profession these days because there is so much competition," David says. "You have to maximize the monies the club or course gives you and the more education you have the wiser you can be with those funds and the better golf conditions you can provide."

- Eight years ago, David took over



as grow-in superintendent of PGA Tour player and KSU grad Jim Colbert's pet project in Manhattan, Kan., after stops at the woman-only Ladies Golf Club of Toronto, exclusive Beacon Hall in that city, Eagle Creek in Ottawa and the Club of Summerlea in Montreal. He served in several capacities during the development of Colbert Hills, which plays a central role in the education of K-State turf students.

Wildcats play on grass

- One of those students is Matt Gourlay, a junior working towards his turf degree with the help of the Trans-Miss. Self-proclaimed a poor student earlier on at KSU, Matt has come a long way in his studies and says he knows how important winning a scholarship is.

- "It means the world to me, because I kind of have a new appreciation in regards to the value of education...Initially, I was one of the worst students at the school," says Matt, who had to petition the school to get back in after his GPA slipped below 2.0. "But it's really turned me around. I've had a 3.3 GPA the last

three semesters. If the Trans-Miss can give a scholarship to someone like me, it gives hope to other students."

- Matt has worked on the golf course since age 14 and is currently the Assistant Superintendent at Colbert Hills. He's completed summer internships at both highly rated courses including Cypress Point in California and Oakland Hills in Detroit and has one planned at the Los Angeles Country Club this summer.

- Like his father, Matt has aspirations of working in golf management after graduation.

- "I've worked in the pro shop, food and beverage, carts, etc.," Matt says. "I think more and more superintendents are getting to see different aspects of the game. More and more are moving to the ranks of becoming GMs and I hope to do that some day."

- "My Dad has helped me tremendously, pushed me to excel. He helped me get to Kansas State and stressed the importance of being involved and giving back to the

profession. I am currently serving as President of the GCSAA student chapter and Vice President of the KSU's CMAA Student Chapter."

- And the two male Gourlay's are not the only ones making noise in the golf business. Matt's sister, Lindsay, earned two degrees at K-State including one in hotel and restaurant management. She plans to be a club general manager one day, according to her father.

- Since the Trans-Miss Scholarship Fund granted a \$600 scholarship in 1953 to Colorado State University (then Colorado A&M), the Trans-Mississippi has become a national leader in assisting young men and women who are pursuing careers in turf management. More than \$50,000 in grants is provided to young men and women at 18 universities.

- If you would like to receive more information on the scholarship program or to apply for scholarships, e-mail: golf@trans-miss.com.