August is here once again. How fast the summers seem to go by! If we can hold our courses together for a few more weeks, we will soon be in September and we can take some pressure off ourselves and our courses.

It is a good time to start planning our fall renovation programs and if you have any problem areas due to poor drainage, etc. it's an ideal time to get the backing of your club's officials which will be needed to make the necessary changes.

I would like to thank John Nylund of Braemar for providing his fine facilities for our Annual July Picnic and also the Wiley's - Milt, John and families - for again sponsoring the excellent family picnic. It is a lot of work and expense for them and certainly is appreciated by all of us.

A special thank you to Mrs. Leo J. Feser for her generous contribution to our Research Fund in memory of her husband. Leo was a long time member of M.G.C.S.A.

On behalf of all the members of M.G.C.S.A. I extend sincere sympathy to the family of Eino Maki on his untimely death. Eino had been a member of our association since 1964 and a long time employee of the Northland Country Club in Duluth.

While there is no shortage of educational material in this issue you will notice a notable lack of any original material by one of our members. I know we are all very rushed at this time of the season but surely there are some subjects, ideas or solutions to problems that are worthy of sharing with the membership at large. Take an hour to get it down on paper, mail it to the office and just watch how fast you get published.