This is the time of year when we can truly appreciate being Golf Course Superintendents in Minnesota. The fall season, consisting of cool nights and warm sunny days along with the splendor of color that the foliage displays, makes it one of the nicest seasons of the year even though it seems to be quite short lived.

In the northern climate our occupation challenges us to change with the seasons and this helps to keep us from becoming complacent for we have to make adjustments to accommodate nature. It also gives us a chance to catch our breath and do some of the things we enjoy.

I believe 1982 will go down as a good year for golf. We lost very few days to bad weather and play seemed to be up. Apparently, the economy didn't affect play adversely. Our 1982 Annual Golf Tournament was a very successful event and we owe much thanks to Don Lindblad, Host Superintendent, and Jim Nicol for all their time and effort. It seems they didn't miss a trick and it made for a first class event. Thanks again, fellows.

We are sorry to report the passing of Joe Garske, founder of Par Aide Products Co. and a long time Associate Member. A memorial was donated to our Research Fund in his name. The industry will miss Joe.

It is not too early for you eligible members to be thinking about running for the Board of Directors of our Association. Chairman of the Nominating Committee Dennis Hendrickson would appreciate hearing from anyone interested. It is a great opportunity to get involved in your association as well as a rewarding experience. Please let Dennis know if you are interested.