I am writing my first message to the membership since being appointed editorial chairman of the HOLE NOTES by President John Nylund. In the two years I have been on the Board of the M.G.C.S.A. I have had the opportunity to meet and know many of our members. I agree with John when he stated that there is a lot of talent in our association and would have to believe that many of you out there would be willing to make contributions to the HOLE NOTES. I plan on tapping this resource and would encourage those of you who have things to share to come forward and volunteer your talents. I also plan on calling upon many of you to come right out and contribute your skills so don't be surprised if you are tapped by me some month.

I'm sure that many of us are wrapped up in shop work, snow removal, vacation planning or otherwise just looking for the right situation to relieve some of the tension and stress of the summer part of our jobs. Now might be a good time to assess your golf course, its needs, changes and plans for the upcoming season. This could also be a good time for you to come up with information you might be willing to share. As others read your articles, this might create more ideas which in turn might create a better HOLE NOTES WHICH THEN WOULD BECOME A REALLY INTERESTING NEWSLETTER OF CONCERN TO ALL OF US. It is my hope as editorial chairman to get as many of our members involved in this newsletter as possible.

In addition to regular features you have noticed in the past, I want to add three new features on a regular basis. First, an editor's corner will be written by me each month. Here I would like to keep everyone informed on what is going on with the membership, kind of like that old "greens clippings" section. So any bits of information about anyone or anything would be appreciated. Second, an associate member's corner will be passed around and, in time, all our associate members will be asked to contribute articles. When you are called for a contribution, it is my hope that the response will be favorable. The first article will appear in the March issue and will be put together by someone from the R. L. Gould Co. Please watch for it. Third, a regular appearance of two articles per month from our regular membership. This month has articles written by Boots Fuller on the USGA program at Mankato Golf Club and Chris Hague from Hazeltine National Golf Club on his reflections about his first winter in Minnesota. Please read these articles and offer suggestions to me about topics and ideas for upcoming articles and contributors. If you are called upon to contribute, please respond. I know a lot of people so your chances of "escaping" me seem pretty remote.

I saw several of you at the R. L. Gould Seminar at the Sheraton-Northwest on January 5. It was a super day and many thanks are due Gordy Miller and his entire staff for a job well done. They also presented that same seminar in St. Paul and Moorhead.

The Atlanta Conference is coming up quickly so make your plans. Remember to save time in March for our mini-seminar which will be put on by the USGA and then, watch out, back to Mankato for the April meeting and the golf scene will be back.

I wish all of you the very best in 1983 and hope to see many of you in Atlanta and at the mini-seminar and, hopefully, in Mankato in April. Please contact me in Mankato with any ideas or suggestions you have for the HOLE NOTES. The HOLE NOTES will be just what you want it to be, no more or no less, so please contribute.