I would like to thank Boots Fuller and Mankato Country Club for hosting our April meeting. It's too bad the weather didn't cooperate for golf. The buffet lunch and conversation were enjoyed by all. I would also like to thank the Kaye Corporation for participating in our meeting.

Our May meeting will be at Sundance Golf Club with Host Superintendent Gary Peterson. Hopefully, the weather will permit our first golf outing so plan to attend.

The wet weather in April and the rush to open our courses may lead to severe compaction problems for many superintendents in the coming months. Some may have to increase their spiking and aeration programs throughout the spring.

The popularity of golf by all ages of people has made the superintendent's job more demanding. These golfers show a concern for premium course conditions whenever they play. The superintendent can respond to their questions and requests by answering "diplomatically" and by not showing anger or disgust. This will do a lot for member-superintendent respect. It also helps the rest of the management team (Pro and Manager) so they can carry on their duties at the club. Many times they have to answer the superintendent's questions because he is out on the course. It all boils down to communicating with members and co-workers alike.

HERE'S HOPING MAY WILL BRING SUNSHINE!