FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Hope those of you who attended the National Conference in Las Vegas had a good time. Several people have mentioned that the equipment displays were large and more than enough room for all of them.

The Minnesota Golf Association is sponsoring a U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf Seminar on March 24 at the Edina Community Center. As you may know there are many changes in the rules of golf this year as well as a completely rewritten rulesbook. You all will be invited to attend and I think it would be a good idea to be there if possible.

The M.G.A. has also adopted a new U.S.G.A. Handicap System this year as a result of the course rating program which was completed in 1983. Now courses are rated for both the scratch and the bogie player. All players will have a basic U.S.G.A. Handicap that will be adjusted at each course depending on the difficulty of that course. It sounds equitable but will need a lot of education to the players.

Now we must look ahead to spring of '84 with anyone's guess about what it holds for us. At this time I would be much happier if the snow cover would stay at least another three weeks. The greens I checked the other day looked good. Hope yours are the same.

Keith Scott and Jim Wodash are hard at work getting the March Mini-Conference on track. The weather by that time could raise some interesting questions for all of us.

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