Fall is officially here as if a golf course superintendent couldn't tell by the vivid fall color and some early morning frost. Grounds departments have changed gears once again this season - the grass has slowed down considerably as has play. I'm often surprised there isn't more play on some of the warm October days. In my opinion some of the most enjoyable golf of the year can be experienced in the fall.

Mosquitos have been replaced with ducks and geese and some of the green color has been replaced by yellows, reds and oranges. October is also the month many on the grounds staff starting thinking about a little well-deserved time off for fishing, hunting or other badly needed forms of recreation.

The fall airations are complete and plans have already been made for blowing irrigation systems so there is a little "lull in the action" to get out and enjoy the fall.

Our annual "Scramble Event" went off with out a hitch again. Wind definitely played a role in the scores, although it didn't show on some of the low ones that were turned in. Congratulation to all the winners and especially superintendent Dick Grundstrom and the Indian Hills staff. They really put on a winning performance with the magnificent conditions of the golf course and a superb meal. Many thanks Dick, it was a great day.

I hope you've all made plans to attend the October Meeting at Interlachen C.C. on the 8th. Remember, golf is at 9:00 AM, with lunch and an informative talk by Dr. Don White following.

Planes are already underway on Green Industry Expo 85. All the allied groups of this new conglomerate association are gathering input from their respective membership and also from the various vendors involved. The long range goal of this conglomerate is to create a strong, united voice for the green industry as a whole. Expo 84, considering its infancy, went very well, in fact made a profit of $100.00. Even though the present MGCSA board is excited about becoming involved in a united turf association, rest assured, we in no way wish to jeopardize our present identity or disrupt any of the functions MGCSA members now enjoy. You'll hear more on this in the coming months.

Thanks to last months contributors Andy Lindquist of Brookview Golf Club and Bob Meary, associate member from Meary Mfg. One can be thankful that a renovation of the magnitude being done at Brookview is not being done at your club. Thanks fellas for taking the time.

Enjoy the great month of October and We'll see you at Interlachen on the 8th!