What a difference one year makes in our lives. In last year's February-March Hole notes, Tom Fischer made mention of the mild winter we were having and all the projects that were getting done because of it. That's not the case this year but I'm sure we all have had enough time to make up, improve, change, alter and figure out how to live with our 1988 budgets.

At my house my better half is probably experiencing more cabin fever and is looking forward to the spring even more than I am. At least then I would have an excuse for only getting half of her winter projects done. I hope we have all had a chance to reacquaint ourselves with family and friends before another growing (or not growing) season is upon us.

For anyone who missed the January meeting at Woodhill your body is probably the better for it. I have never seen so many fine physical specimens in action on the hockey rink or on the platform tennis courts. I'm sure there where some body checks and slams out there in retaliation for money lost on the golf courses the season before. Those that didn't actually play surely were entertained by those that did. I heard rumors that the North Stars and Jimmy Connors have reason for concern. George Jennrich and his staff are the consummate hosts and all our thanks go out to them.

I wish I could report on the annual conference in Houston but I was unable to attend. From what I understand the weather wasn't too good but the programs and show were excellent. I have attended numerous national turf conferences in the past but, I must admit, I have enjoyed and learned more at our state conference and mini-seminar.

There were some questions about why no beer was available at the Woodhill meeting. George Jennrich took it upon himself and apologized for something he had no control over. As an association we can't give out or allow any outside vendor to dispense alcoholic beverages unless purchased through the host club. When this is done the liability goes on the club or establishment and not the association. It may be too bad, but we live in a sue or be sued world and, if we can avoid it, we should.

March 7th is the Mini-Seminar at Majestic Oaks and another great slate of speakers is planned so we'll see you there.

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