FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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I'm a little confused. According to the weather patterns we've experienced this season, we should be approaching Labor Day, but I can't seem to recall attending the July or August meetings. Appears I'm not the only one confused. Word is that Dale Caldwell is already working on the blueprints for a new Mille Lacs Lake ice house. Hang in there guys!

The Second Annual Minnesota Turf Tourney held June 17 was a rousing success with 160 participants and raising over $6,000 for Turfgrass research. Many people share in its success including the many superintendents and golf professionals that helped post and promote the event, the tourney chairman Fred Anderson and Keith Scott for their many dedicated hours spent, Bernie, Don Fink and Mike Olson of Golden Valley CC for hosting the awards banquet and providing the scoring, Barb Glader for a great job in handling registrations, and especially the twenty clubs that so generously donated the use of their golf courses for this fund-raiser.

I hope next time you see one of the superintendents from the participating clubs you thank them for going to bat for MGCSA Turfgrass Research and obtaining the use of their facilities for this event.

Although unable to attend our Annual Picnic held this year at Tartan Park, I understand it was well attended and a great time had by all. The picnic traditionally has been an opportunity to involve our families in this business and through the generosity of our Associate Members, at a great value to the membership.

Tom McCann, our arrangement chairman, tells me the committee is looking for ways to make this outing even better and would welcome your suggestions. Once again, thanks to Joe Moris, Randy Allen, 3M and all our associate members for hosting this great day.

Hope to see many of you enjoying the cool, green hills of Northland CC in Duluth on the 11th.