One of the largest events of the year is scheduled to be played at your course next Monday. Like most of these events, it was booked a year in advance. You and your crew have been working 15-hour days to prepare the course and then the rain started, just a little to help the rough get back in shape, you hope. Suddenly, just the right amount turns into a little too much. Then the weekend before the event you and your crew have parked the mowers and are scrambling for water pumps and waders. We have all been in this situation but not very many of us were expecting close to 200 of our own peers to show up on that Monday. Such as it went for Marty Terveer and his crew at Hidden Creek in Owatonna the weekend before the Scholarship Scramble on July 14. Marty and his staff deserved and received a great round of applause and thanks for hosting the event under very difficult conditions. Thanks again Marty. You and your staff really did a great job!!! Look for pictures and more about the scramble throughout this issue.

A big thanks to John Queensland from Cedar River CC and the Scholarship Committee for their work on the scramble. If you were not able to make it to Owatonna on the 14th, you missed the first opportunity to buy our new MGCSA logo hat. You can order them for $10.00 each from Scott at the MGCSA office. As with all of our merchandise the proceeds go to help fund scholarships.

Congratulations to Jeff Anderson from Lester Park Golf Course in Duluth and his wife Jill on the birth of their son on June 20.

Thanks go to Dale Wysocki for covering the Dayton’s Challenge and taking the pictures you see in this issue. Also, thanks to Scott Turtinen for the pictures and article related to the Scholarship Scramble.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the friends and family of Dan Carpentier, long-time service manager at MTI Distributing Co., and Rick Lucken, assistant at Benson GC. Thanks, Fred, for your kind words in your president’s message this month.

In closing this month, with the stresses of the season at 150%, I would like to encourage you to go out to a quiet spot on your course at sun-rise, by yourself. Put away all business thoughts for 15 minutes and think about what’s really important in your life, ask yourself some hard questions and try to answer them. As my good friend Doug Hausman said in Golf Course Management last month, “It’s only turf.”

Thanks so much for taking the time to read Hole Notes. I hope you find it educational as well as enjoyable. See you at Rush Creek on the 18th for the MGCSA Amateur Championship. Until next month.

— Rob Panuska
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