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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One Thing For Sure in This Business Is That Nothing's For Sure Except Mother Nature's Yearly Challenges

By Robert Panuska



As I type this monthly report, we have just received a multi-billion dollar rain. In terms of the golf course this means a return to our "normal" level of staffing and maintenance. The soil temperature has finally warmed enough to germinate newly planted seed and of course, poa. We will begin to settle into some type of routine, if there is such a thing. My hope is that all of you have made it through this spring and been able to "survive" the challenges of lost turf, pumphouse renovations and irrigation issues. One thing for sure in this business is that nothing is for sure except the challenges that Mother Nature throws our way every year.

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Special thanks to Jeff Vinkemeier, Glencoe Country Club; Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, North Oaks Golf Club, and John Steiner, CGCS, White Bear Yacht Club, for hosting our first three meetings of the year. I would also like to recognize the affiliate members who have "stepped up to the plate" in support of our association by sponsoring our monthly meetings. Please refer to the list in this issue of *Hole Notes* and "thank" those vendors who provided their special support. The dollars raised from this program will be used to support scholarships, research and special activities that promote education and involvement in our association.

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This is the 2nd Annual University of Minnesota TROE Center Update issue of *Hole Notes*. As you read through the many articles in this issue, you begin to realize that OUR "field of dreams" has come true for turf research in Minnesota. Many thanks to Dr. Brian Horgan and all who have contributed to this special issue. None of these projects would have been possible without the support of the MGCSA. As the saying goes "build it and they will come" so we built it (the TROE Center) and the research projects came and they continue to come. New areas are being developed and expanded and new funding partners are sponsoring new projects again this year. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this summer's TROE Center Field Day scheduled for Thursday July 29th. As you can tell by reading the research articles, there is something for everyone.

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As we go about our busy schedules this season, let us not forget to take some time to thank those around us who help make our jobs and lives easier. We all know how easy it is to get caught up in the "heat of the battle" and lose sight of what is really important.

*Until next month,
Rob*

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