



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Take Time Away From Your Course To Recharge and Gain a New Perspective

By Robert Panuska

Question of the month: How wet does it have to be to get algae to grow in the ruts on a cart path? This is NOT a pretty picture but it seems to represent this season. Not that we have had a huge amount of rain but it has been constant and relentless with very little sun as you all know. As I am typing this newsletter the sun has decided to shine for more than one day in a row and we actually have players on the course in shorts no less! My personal thoughts on the slow golf business this year are as much if not more weather-related than some downturn in the interest in golf. Let's hope so anyway.

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Thanks to our host Superintendent Eric Peterson at Dellwood Hills for hosting the 2005 MGCSA scholarship scramble on June 13. In spite of some, yes you guessed it, RAIN, the event was a great success. If your club would be interested in hosting a monthly meeting please call Matt McKinnon at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's, MGCSA Arrangements Chair. Next year is about set and he is working on 2007 believe it or not! Also if you are interested in serving on the Board or a committee, please contact Rick Fredericksen at Woodhill Country Club and visit with him about the opportunities available.

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Set aside Thursday July 28 for the University of Minnesota's annual Turf & Grounds Field Day. This event has grown along with the development of the TROE Center and offers a great opportunity to see what's new in NTEP trials, runoff and leaching studies, fertility studies and plant breeding, just to name a few. This also is a great event to treat your staff to a "day away" from the course and learn something at the same time.

Don't forget about the annual MGCSA Harold Stodola Research Scramble on August 1st at Bracketts Crossing Country Club in Lakeville hosted by Superintendent Tom Proshek.

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Do you take time away from your course to recharge and get a "new" perspective on your work? I know we all have 1,001 excuses why we can't get away but I have found it helps to just take a couple of days away and do something fun or totally different than you do at work. I am very fortunate to have a great assistant and staff which allows me to take some time away during the summer. Good luck with the summer season and I hope you can steal a day here and there to "recharge" your batteries.

Until next month,
Rob

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