



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did You Know Golfers Live Longer?

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In one of the more recent issues of *Golf Course Management* magazine there was a short article stating that golfers live longer. This was a study done in Sweden and I have no doubt, based on the way the article was written, that people walk more than ride in Sweden. However the study also considered the social and psychological aspects as well as the physical benefits. Needless to say it is good to know that golf has such a positive affect on someone's health, and it may assist in ensuring that someone might be around to play with their grandkids a little longer. Kind of makes the job seem a little more important somehow.

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I would like to congratulate Matt Rostal one more time on the great job he, his staff and his volunteers did in presenting a great product for the U.S. Womens Open. It was a great tournament and I heard a lot of positive comments from guys who volunteered. Sounds like everything was running like a well-oiled machine. As a side note, I was amazed at my 11-year-old daughter. I hesitated at bringing her to the tournament, as she hasn't totally taken to the game. However, it was tough to get her to leave; maybe there is still hope.

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During the past month we held a Vendor Meeting at Brackett's Crossing. There was a lot of great input and I would like to thank all those that attended. I would also like to remind all the members of our association that the vendors are an integral piece to our puzzle. The vendors' participation in advertising in *Hole Notes* allows us to have a top quality magazine, and their support of our tournaments allows us greater flexibility to donate money to the research and scholarship programs.

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I would like to thank everyone who participated in the MGCSA Internet Survey. We had a great response. The Board collaborated on evaluating the survey. Go to Page 13 of this issue for an evaluation article about the survey.

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Here's hoping everyone has been getting more rain in his or her areas that I have in mine. Have a great month!!

Respectfully,
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