



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cool Mornings and Sunny Afternoons!

By Richard A. (Rick) Traver, CGCS

Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the cool mornings and sunny afternoons, the changing of the leaves, and of course with the decrease in pressure on the turf, the turf looks its best. The pressure of play decreases and as a superintendent you have more time to enjoy the better aspects of our career choice. It is a great time of the year to be in Minnesota. I have said this before, but take time to breathe, watch the colors change and enjoy the great jobs we have.

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Thank you to Superintendent Bob Distel, his GM Jeffrey Kreaflle and his members for allowing our association to hold the Harold Stodola Research Scramble at Wayzata Country Club on August 4. I was unable to attend due to schedule conflicts and staff vacations, but I understand it was a wonderful day and, as is always the case I am sure, the course was in excellent condition. Thanks, Bob.

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I am looking forward to attending the MGCSA Championship at The Minikahda Club. Our host superintendent is Jeff Johnson and I am sure Jeff and his staff will have the course in top shape. If I have one request Jeff, try and make the cups a little easy. I haven't had much time to play this year. Jeff was also interviewed in the July Issue of *Superintendent - The Magazine for Golf Course Superintendents*. He did a great job of representing our industry with some very modest and insightful answers. Thanks, Jeff.

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Speaking of events, we would love to have as many people as possible attend the Field Day at the University of Minnesota. The job that Brian Horgan, Eric Watkins and their staffs are doing out at the TROE Center is amazing. Your MGCSA, as well as the MTGF, both donate quite a bit to help achieve the results. Come on out and see where your dollars are going.

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Make plans to attend the MGCSA Fall Mixer on October 7 at Pheasant Acres Golf Club featuring the Greens Management Academy. Topics will include: Theory and History of Greens; Design Considerations; When to Build / Renovate; Turf Selection; Aerification, and Disease Management

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I mentioned the results from the Internet survey last month and I would again like to thank you all for participating.

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As I write this, the rain is coming down pretty hard, isn't it great when the man above smiles down on you?

Have a great month!

Respectfully,
Rick Traver

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