



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Remember, we have a great job!

By Richard B. (Rick) Traver, CGCS

It is always exciting getting started with the golf season, and staying motivated is never a problem early in the year. However, this is the time of year when people start to get tired and the heat or stress starts to take its toll. This year has been especially stressful for many due to the winter damage some of us saw to start the season, this coupled with the less than ideal weather conditions to heal these areas only added to the stress. My membership has been extremely patient and I thank them for that. I am and have always been my worst critic, and often times need to remind myself it is only golf and most people don't see what I'm looking at anyway. They are usually more concerned if the beer is cold and the pizza hot than the minor imperfections I obsess with. Anyway here's hoping you can stay motivated as you reach that period of the summer - it's different for all of us - that makes you want to be someplace else. Always remember we have a great job and many people would love to be in our shoes.

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I am looking forward to watching Hazeltine National GC take center stage once more as they host the PGA Championship. After watching the U.S. Open and how quickly they were able to put that course back into playing condition after those torrential rains. One has to wonder if they took a page from Jim Nicol's playbook to get the job done. If I am not mistaken, Jim had the same issues the last time Hazeltine hosted the PGA Championship.

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Good news from Blaine, The 3M Championship, hosted by TPC Twin Cities, will have free admittance for all three days of championship play. I believe this is the 17th year this event has been held in the Twin Cities, first at Bunker Hills and now at the TPC - Twin Cities. This has been a great event for golf in Minnesota. It showcases our great state and gives our patrons the opportunity to see some of the legends in golf. Thanks to Roger Stewart, Jr., CGCS and his staff for maintaining the setting for such a great event, and to Pro Links Sports for continuing to keep this event local.

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During the past month we held a vendors 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* and the membership roster, 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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Thanks again to Dave Deem and his crew at Wild Marsh Golf Club. The course was in great shape and we had a wonderful day for the Scholarship Scramble.

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As was the case last issue of *Hole Notes*, I am writing this just prior to an event. However, I would like to thank Jeff Girard and the staff at StoneRidge Golf Club for allowing us to use their facility for our Research Scramble. I am looking forward to seeing the course, my golf game is the worst it has been in 10 years, so playing doesn't sound like fun, but maybe I will find my game at the Ridge!

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I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Internet Survey. We had a great response. Results can be found at www.mgcsa.org.

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Have a great month!!

Respectfully, Rick Traver

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