

# REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR, 1980

DENNIS HENDRICKSON, Vice-President  
Co-Chairman Research Committee

This year has been a great year for the M.G.C.S.A. There have been many positive things accomplished. Among them are the beginning of a Research Program for sand top dressing at the University of Minnesota. This year we are also adding a Fellowship Breakfast to the program at the Annual Conference. It will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning at the Sheraton N.W. Rolls and coffee will be served. An interesting program is planned. Pastor Del Roy Johnson, once a golf course superintendent himself, will be the speaker. We hope to see you all there. More changes are already under study to better serve the membership of M.G.C.S.A. in 1981. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the readers of HOLE NOTES a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.

LARRY MUELLER, Secretary

1980...What a year! It was a very challenging season for golf course maintenance at Minnesota Valley. We started out with considerable winter kill which necessitated playing seven temporary greens while we reestablished the damaged ones. In July we had a severe wind storm that took many trees and forced us to close the course completely for three days. Pythium also seemed to be more of a problem this year along with other turf diseases. Good communication and full cooperation from club officials and crew played a large part in our being able to provide the membership a good golf course during most of the season.

JOHN NYLUND, Treasurer

It has been a very rewarding and enlightening experience to be able to serve our association as treasurer this past year. I believe our association is supporting programs that will be of great benefit to us all in continually upgrading our profession. I would like to thank all the members for their cooperation in the payment of dues. It made my job a whole lot easier. As the holidays approach I feel we are all grateful for the past season and look forward to the next. It's a relaxing time of year and well deserved by all superintendents. I would like to extend holiday wishes to all superintendents and their families.

DONAVAN LINDBLAD, Chairman  
Educational Committee

My first year as a M.G.C.S.A. Board Member has been very educational. Learning some of the workings of this association was eye opening! The responsibilities entailed trying to keep your committee moving, starting with the spring Mini-Seminar and working toward the Turf Conference in the fall. A special thanks to my committee of Jim Nicol, Jim Lindblad, John Nylund and President Dick DeSplinter for all their help in making 1980 interesting, informative and fun. Happy Holidays.

JERRY MCCANN, Chairman  
Arrangements Committee

It seems to me that our organization is a very good one indeed. There are many men in our association who, because of their time, education and talent, have held together an organization of individuals who have a very special interest in golf courses. We as members benefit from this organization commensurate with what we put into it. I want to encourage every member to get active and become involved. The time you invest working for your association will pay fantastic dividends.

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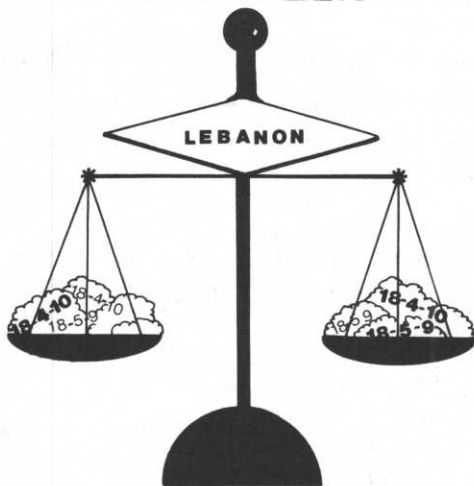
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I am proud to have served on the Board of Directors this past year. I thank our president, Dick DeSplinter, and the rest of the Board for being so cooperative and also you members who have attended our monthly meetings. I hope each and every one of you will attend our annual meeting and conference next month. The best of luck to you all and may the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and throughout this coming year.

ROGER KISCH, Chairman  
Editorial Committee

Last December I was elected as a member of the Board of Directors. At that time I had no idea what it took to run an association of the size of ours. The monthly board meeting is only a small part of the board members' participation. I am Chairman of the "HOLE NOTES" Committee, just one of the many committees. Other committees such as Research, Membership, Conference, etc., take a tremendous amount of time and effort on the part of the board members that chair and participate on respective committees. Through my close association with M.G.C.S.A. I realize the importance of members giving their talents to our association through participation as board members, committee members and officers. The M.G.C.S.A. member, himself, should attend meetings as regularly as possible, get involved in the educational seminars and share ideas with other members. It's fun to come to play golf and socialize, but we should take a little time and try and share and gain knowledge with fellow superintendents.

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