

# THE DIRECTORS CORNER



THIS IS A NEW FEATURE THAT WILL CARRY AN ARTICLE BY ONE OF THE OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS IN EACH ISSUE. THIS WEEK FEATURES THE VICE-PRESIDENT, DENNIS HENDRICKSON.

The primary function of our association is education. Two of our tools are our monthly meetings and our annual conference. At present both are being carefully scrutinized in hopes of improving them. Among the changes being considered is a change from a dinner meeting to a noon luncheon. This would allow all those who drive long distances to return home earlier in the evening. We are all aware of the danger of late night driving. A change in the entire format of our Annual Turf Conference is also being investigated. Many feel that it could be made a more attractive educational experience. Some feel the present format has a tendency to discourage attendance at our Annual Business Meeting and Banquet. Please give the survey very careful thought and return it with any comments you might have. Our goal should be meetings which will provide quality education in as professional a manner as possible.

I would like to encourage everyone to make a special attempt to attend as many of our meetings as possible. The meeting dates and sites for 1980 are in this issue of HOLE NOTES. You will see that every meeting is at an interesting and beautiful site and nearly all are clubs where we have not had a meeting for a long time, if ever. Mark the dates on your calendar now so you can work the meetings into your schedule more easily. I'm sure you would all agree that a part of the learning experience at our meetings is in seeing a golf course you have not seen before.

As Dick DeSplinter mentioned in his letter last month, communication is very important in our education. Whether it is a brief discussion over the phone or a lengthy discussion at one of our meetings, by talking and sharing ideas with others in our profession, we learn. The M.G.C.S.A. is growing very rapidly, making it possible for us to meet and share ideas with more and more people. This fellowship is very basic to our education. We should all make it a point to meet the new members of our association, learn their names and expand our sphere of friends. A challenge that each of us can give ourselves is to learn to know at least one new member at each of our monthly meetings. If you are able to do this, you will go home with a good feeling of accomplishment.

I hope as our association grows we will all strive to make changes to improve our educational tools and then to use them to improve ourselves. Education is the key to becoming a better Superintendent.

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