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ALL MEMBERS OF M.G.C.S.A. PLEASE NOTE!

We are in the process of compiling the 1981 Roster. If you have had a change of address since last year's roster and <u>have not</u> notified the office, please do so at once.

Second notices for the 1981 dues have been mailed. If you have not received a Membership Card, your dues have not been paid. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR 1981 DUES ARE PAID.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DENNIS HENDRICKSON

This is the time of year when we look forward with anxious anticipation to the start of the golf season. The big question is, "What has the winter season done to the turf that was so beautiful last fall?" Hopefully, the unusual winter will have mercy on us and will not have been as devastating as the last two winters have been.

One of the difficulties we all face this time of year is the problem of keeping the golfers off the course until the greens are ready for play. It is a decision we all have to make for ourselves since soil and moisture conditions vary greatly even within the metro area. Play on greens too early <u>may</u> result in turfgrass rhizome and root injury and in greens which are thin, rough and more compacted for the entire golf season.

I hope all of you who attended the Mini-Seminar at Hazeltine and the Horticulture Industry Days at the UofM found them to be very educational. I'm sure all who attended felt it was time well spent. We all know the importance of education in our rapidly changing profession. THANK YOU to Nick Dunn and his committee for a job well done, to Hazeltine for hosting us and to the UofM and those involved with making the Horticulture Industry Days possible. The university continues to help us with problems we encounter each year.

We need more participation from more of our members for articles in this publication. We all have items of interest which would be informative to the reader. For example I plan an article on changes at the Honeywell C.C. It is now called Brackett's Crossing of Lakeville.

Remember the April 13 meeting at the Mankato C.C. and also don't forget the Research Committee. It still needs more support. HAVE A GREAT COURSE OPENING DAY!