



EDITOR'S CORNER

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The warm weather we enjoyed during the first week of March was welcome relief for those who had concerns over ice buildup on greens. Most of the snow melted and the unseasonable temperatures even had some wondering about early openings on our golf courses.

However, the second week of March brought us all back to what Minnesotans should take for granted - March is still winter. I have been assured, though, that we'll be open for golf on April 11 when the Mankato Golf Club will host all the members of our organization at the regular monthly meeting for the third consecutive year. The lunch fee is \$7.00 and don't forget to pre-register. Remember the Board has determined a higher price for registration at the door. Kaye Corporation of Mankato will be showing the Ransom Line of equipment so make your plans to attend.

Response to my request for contributions to the HOLE NOTES is astounding. We really are trying to make this our newsletter so don't wait for me to contact you. If you have some informative data about your course, please contact me. Remember, my list of potential writers from our talented organization is almost endless so I'll be looking for you if you just happen to miss me.

At the April meeting the Board will make note of what I believe to be a first in Minnesota. My No. 2 Assistant, Mary Sisson, becomes the Superintendent at Ironwood Golf Club in Mankato. This is a 9-Hole short course and I'm sure she'll do a creditable job.

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MINNESOTA FRAC SAND COMPANY is now offering two grades of highly recommended silica sand for building greens and tees, as well as for topdressing and sand traps, at their Jordan Plant. This sand has been tested and approved by Dr. Don Taylor of the University of Wisconsin, and tests have also been obtained from Texas A & M University from Dr. K.W. Brown. The particle size analysis of our two products is shown below.

PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS

SOIL MIX MATERIALS	GRAVEL > 2mm (>9 mesh) %	TOTAL SAND (9.300) mesh %	SILT .002-.05mm (< 300 mesh) %	CLAY <.002mm %	SAND FRACTIONS					PRICE/TON F.O.B. Jordan
					VERY COARSE 1-2mm (9-16 mesh) %	COARSE 0.5-1mm (16.32 mesh) %	MEDIUM 0.25-.5mm (32-60 mesh) %	FINE 0.1-25mm (60-140 mesh) %	VERY FINE 0.05-.1mm (140-300 mesh) %	
Sand 4070	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	86.9	12.4	0.1	\$6.00/ton
Sand 3560	0.0	99.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	98.6	0.5	0.1	\$10.00/ton

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If anyone is aware of another female superintendent who has been a member of our association, please let me know. Otherwise, this will be an exciting "first" for us.

I had occasion to talk to two of my very good friends at Midland Hills on March 8 where the U.S.G.A. hosted a superb seminar. Seems as if both Jim Wodash and Dennis Schoenfeldt really put their golf course programs to rest for the winter. They have managed to wile away most of the winter ice fishing. The luck of the fisherman wasn't all that great, I am told, but it certainly was a good past time for the off season.

I also talked to Bernie Zimmer of Whitefish and he is looking forward to the arrival of our association on June 6. Before he hosts us, though, Gary Peterson will show us Sundance on May 9. The picnic is set for Baker Park on July 11 and will be hosted by our illustrious treasurer, Steven Young. Be sure to make plans.

Warren Rebholz has gotten our M.G.C.S.A. some publicity in the G.C.S.A.A.'s February issue of GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT. On Page 4 they are running a series of "unforgettable holes" and Warren has contributed some which will be published at various times. Exposure of this type is always welcomed.

Next month should be a very informative one for the HOLE NOTES. Sam Monson will be giving us the lowdown on the Viking operation he manages in Eden Prairie. Kevin Benson will also provide us with information concerning his course at Edenvale. Watch for these articles. Future contributions will be coming from other talented people such as Dan Hanson, Mike Klatter, Steven Young and Jim Nicol. We are also going to hear from some of our Wisconsin friends such as John Granholt of Eau Claire and Tom Fisher of Voyager Village near Webster. We will also be noting an article from Minnesota Toro on our new Associates' Corner as well as some research information. The list goes on.

For those of you who have things to share, get in line. The rush is on. We are going to have a first class newsletter for a first class organization. See you in Mankato on April 11.

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right places.**



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