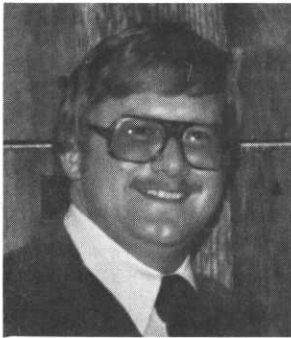


## TO SERVE IS TO GROW



by KERRY GLADER  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As I sit down to write this article, many different topics flow through my mind. I could write about sand topdressing on sixty year old greens, headaches with tight money, syringing (something we all know too much about right now), or disease. For some reason these topics seem dull, hum-drum, and nothing new. My experiences here in St. Cloud also seem unexciting and fairly routine. So, now having weeded through my mind I have still got a mental block

on what to write about. After paging through some of our past HOLE NOTES to see what other authors found to write about, I stopped at the page listing the officers and directors of the M.G.C.S.A. It made me think of my experiences as a director.

At last, my subject matter is to be on my position as a director and an opportunity to ask the membership to offer themselves for the upcoming elections in December.

When I joined the M.G.C.S.A. I was what seemed the youngest member. I attended meetings when it seemed convenient and they were close in location. Over the last eight years I have changed my attitude.

I never really expected to become part of the Board of Directors. I did not think I was qualified. Three years ago I was asked by then President Dennis Hendrickson to consider appointment to the Board of Directors. I took the opportunity and am very glad I did. The following year I was elected to a two year director position. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was excited at the possibilities. I offered myself for membership chairman and was given it. I feel I have benefited because of this by meeting new members and making friends of those already in the membership.

Now the tables are turned. I'm helping new members become part of this organization.

I have discovered many benefits of being an active member. My attendance has greatly improved but not because it is required. I feel like an equal associate of superintendents, young and old. There is some work involved, but I am giving to an organization that, in turn, gives to me. I cannot imagine not having the research and other programs available to us through our organization. I feel with an annual growth of ten percent, we continually bring in new ideas, new facilities to visit, new problems to solve and help with. But above all, we open ourselves to others for that support that we all need, especially after a year like 1983.

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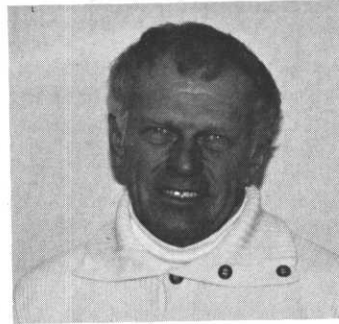
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What does this all add up to? Simply, that anyone interested does have the ability to make themselves available in becoming a part of the Board of Directors to help us in guiding this organization the way our membership would like to see it done. I will never regret the time I have spent and hope to spend. If you are offered the opportunity or wish to offer yourself, please let it be known to the Nominating Chairman Larry Mueller. You will benefit yourself, your job and our organization.

## EDITOR'S CORNER



by BOOTS FULLER  
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The stress of July and August has really been felt by a lot of us in the golf course maintenance business. Mankato has not been spared. Trying to deal with the "annual bluegrass syndrome" of Minnesota summers has been a severe test, at best, for many of us. I'm sure that most of us including yours truly will be anticipating the cooler temps and lower humidities. Even some rainfall would help. Two-tenths of an inch of moisture finally fell in the Mankato Golf Club

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