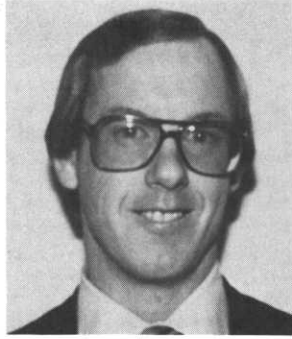


EDITOR'S CORNER



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Did that July weather suit anybody but me? Some very timely rains and moderate temperatures created some gorgeous July turf this year. Yes, "Mother" was dealing "royal flushes" this past month and most superintendents were happy to play the hand.

Attendance at our July picnic was astonishingly low and none of the board of directors can really figure out why. If you've got any ideas along those lines, please let one of us know. We'd like to make this a big day for all the superintendents and their families. We had a beautiful day for the picnic and Jim Lindblad's acreage out there in Wayzata was exceptional for a round of golf beforehand. He had that links in great shape for the National Junior event.

You all may recall in last months HOLE NOTES I mentioned the Minnesota Employee Right To Know Law of 1983. I've gotten some feedback from some of the membership stating that they are somewhat confused about the law. It's a law which became effective January 1, 1984 and was designed to ensure that an employee has access to information and be provided with training regarding hazardous substances, harmful physical agents (noise, radiation, heat, etc.) and infectious agents that they are routinely exposed to. I have obtained a 31 page report on the law describing the components of the law, businesses affected by the law, all definitions and explanation of the law and a list of all hazardous substances and agents included in the law. A copy of this report will be made available to all members for a

nominal fee by calling or writing the M.G.A. office, 6550 York Ave. South, Suite 401, Edina, Minn. 55435, telephone 612/927-4643.

Many thanks to last month's contributors Richard Dicks of Brooktree Municipal Golf Course in Owatonna and Richard Taylor of Golf Car Midwest. We all get extremely busy during the summer months. We can really appreciate the extra time these fellas put in.

I hope you're all looking forward to our August meeting at Rochester as much as I am. Kurt and company continually produce a great golf track and always supply the best of hospitality. Sharpen up on that golf swing. Wild shots can create some real difficulty. Remember, August is the month for the Annual Superintendent Tournament so if you plan to attend and play, get your pre-registrations back as soon as they arrive.

There has been a change in meeting sites and dates for October. The new site will be Interlachen Country Club and the date will be Monday, October 8. The format will be somewhat different as well. A 9:00 a.m. shotgun is planned followed by lunch and a speaker. Make a note of that change on your calendars.

July is gone...can winter be far away? Enjoy August and take some time to relax.

Starting with the juniors seems sensible. By no means are the newer golfers the only perpetrators in the act of abusing a golf course. However, they would be logical participants in a course appreciation clinic because of their impressionable status.

Sure, it sounds like a dead horse is being beaten because this same subject has been touched on here in the past. However, the incidence of abuse continues and has gone unchecked to the point where competition between golfers damaging the course and superintendents trying to preserve its playing condition has developed.

Actually, the highest station of responsibility lies with the country club officials or park commissions that administer municipal courses. Public courses are a separate entity. Their owners usually wield a heavier hand in demanding cooperation from players.

The golf course appreciation clinic, then, deserves to be explored and employed. There is nothing uglier than a course bent out of playing and aesthetic shape because golfers refuse to take part in retaining the condition a superintendent effects. If going to school will remedy the situation, so be it.

Gerry Finn

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