



EDITOR'S CORNER

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I have the feeling that we were not prepared this spring for what Mother Nature had in store for us as far as our irrigation systems. I'm afraid it was a rude awakening. Breaks in places where we shouldn't have them seem to be the exception rather than the rule. Some, like Mora Golf Club, had breaks right next to where they connect the compressor, Northland Country Club had a 3' boulder heave up through one of Mike's main lines. In talking with irrigation people, it was their feelings that most of the breaks were not the result of improper blowing techniques, but a combination of little snow cover, rain in December and severe cold causing a very deep frost and ground heaving that probably did most of your irrigation damage. It looks again that Mother Nature has shown her powers. If there is any solace in this it's that there are a lot of superintendents in the same boat.

There were no problems for Scott Ainsworth, host superintendent, at River Falls Golf Club, in giving us a gorgeous day and golf course to play. In talking with Scott, like most of us, we were caught with great weather but lacking in a maintenance staff to get everything done. Sure makes for long days but the end results look good, like trying to only two putt #17. Thanks to Scott and your staff for a fine golf course and lunch provided for us. We do appreciate it very much. Thanks also to Mr. Al Ward, Professor at U of M, Waseca, guest lecturer on "Personal Stress Management", where it comes from, why we get it and how to deal with stress before it gets into the ulcer stage or worse. I hope everybody there picked up and read the handouts on stress. It should at least point out and make us aware of some of the symptoms. Taking

stress one step further was an impromptu talk by Mr. Herb Brooks (ex N.Y. Ranger, Olympic and possible North Stars coach) about stress in coaching in the Big Apple and coaching in general. It was a very rewarding morning thanks to both of these gentlemen. The following contributors to the HOLE NOTES should also be thanked: James Kaufman, MTI Distributing Company, Mark Poppitz, Island View C.C., Scott Hoffmann, Madden Inn and Golf Club, Jerry Anderson, Dakota Turf and to those who submitted questions to be answered. Speaking of questions, they have not exactly been filling my mail box. If this section is to be continued, it has to have better participation than present time is showing or it will end up in the big water hole in the sky so send them to me without names and we'll get you your answer.

There will not be a meeting/golfing in June due to Turf Expo, June 19 and the picnic, June 30. Golf is available June 19 from 11:30-1:00 at the following clubs: Daytona, Greenhaven, Majestic Oaks and Sundance. You must call ahead for tee times. We would like to see you at the Turf Expo before you go golfing. It's very close to all golf courses. Plan on attending the July 8 meeting at Northland Country Club. Mr. David Legg, Ransomes Company, will be speaking on "Lightweight Fairway Mowing" and Turf Supply Company will also have a speaker.

On a sad note, Lyle Cran, superintendent at Stillwater Country Club, passed away recently. As a gesture expressing our gratitude for Lyle's dedication to the profession, M.G.C.S.A. has sent flowers to his wife and family. Our condolences go out to them.

See you at the Turf Expo!!

Coming meetings:

Aug. 12: Island View Country Club
Mark Poppitz, host

Sept. 9: Guest Day Scramble at
Hazeltine National G.C.
Chris Hague, host

Oct. 7: Golden Valley Country Club
Mike Olson, host