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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DALE CALDWELL

Seldom have I enjoyed anything as much as I did the day of September 9 at the Hazeltine National Golf Club. Chris Hague had his course in excellent condition. The height of the rough, the length of the course and the "U.S. Open pin placements" brought me, and many others, to our knees. The greens weren't as disasterous as I had imagined. However, I don't believe anyone attendance really envies Chris' position and the big project which lies ahead this fall and next spring. Chris' greenschairman, Reed Mackenzie, gave a very interesting presentation as to what Toronto C-15 decline is all about.

The real highlight of the event was the awards presentation and the honoring of Harold Stodola by our group. That man is absolutely incredible. Gerald Murphy did an outstanding job in regaling Harold's biography and achievements in golf course management. The beauty of the event lay in the attendance of sixteen members of Harold's family and friends. Some came from California and Arizona. Tears were glistening in the eyes of many and it was a very proud moment for MGCSA.

For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a very memorable event and I, for one, was extremely pleased and proud to have been a part of this tribute to Harold Stodola.

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