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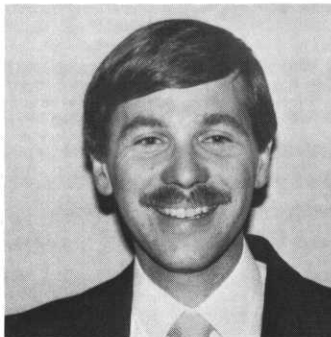
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The year of 1986 has come to an end rather abruptly with temperatures falling to one below zero during the second week in November. In some instances, winterizing had to be done in less than optimal weather conditions but most of us completed spraying and covering the greens just before or shortly after the quick freeze. In general, Minnesota superintendents had a fine year. With the last 18 months above average in rainfall the courses were green for a majority of the summer. In July, some stress was placed on the turf but the rest of the summer went fairly well. Two courses had bacterial wilt during 1985 and 1986 but with resourceful superintendents caring for them, these courses were only closed for a short period of time while greens were resodded.

We had our November meeting at Greenhaven Golf Course. The weather was quite blustery but a few brave souls ventured out for a last round of golf, although most stayed inside for conversation about fall projects and our favorite pastimes. We would like to thank Long Lake Ford for the fine social hour before dinner and Maury Anderson for hosting the November meeting.

During November, in cooperation with the Minnesota Superintendents' Association, the GCSAA held its regional seminar at Interlachen Country Club. The topic was Golf Course Fertilization and the presentation was excellent. A special thank you goes to the staff at Interlachen and host, Doug Mahal, for the fantastic lunches and making the seminar a great success.

The January meeting will be at Woodhill Country Club. Watch for registration and the list of activities.