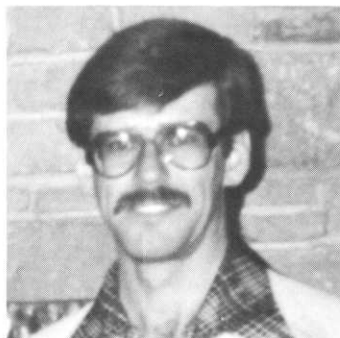


all, remember, form follows function and that your functions must be determined for your particular golf course.

Good luck in 1986 and I hope to see you out on the golf course. I'll be in the woods as usual!



## EDITOR'S CORNER

RANDY NELSON

Well, our unusually cool, wet spring has certainly reverted quickly into our usual hot, humid summer. Although the weather conditions can change dramatically, not so for our bodily metabolisms. Such drastic fluctuations in temperature and dewpoints put a strain on employee performance. Those of you fortunate enough to have air-conditioned maintenance facilities are to give your staff members a needed break from the strength draining heat. I know that when plans for a new maintenance building at my course are compiled one item which I firmly hope to include will be air-conditioning for the office and employees' breakroom. Our staff members deserve that kind of consideration during these periods of stress.

Stress was certainly the farthest thing from the minds of the 55 MGCSA members that attended the June meeting at Detroit Lakes Country Club. This meeting was the first of two that will take our MGCSA members on a northerly trek of courses that will test our golfing skills. On behalf of the members who were in attendance I would like to thank Brad Klein for allowing us to interrupt what I know was an extremely busy and profitable time at your course. Brad's course was in the same super condition that I remember he provided for the 1982 State Amateur; however, my golf game was not. I know we all enjoyed ourselves, Brad, and I hope you will extend our appreciation to your club officials.

Also at the June meeting was Dr. Clinton

Hodges from Iowa State University. Dr. Hodges' appearance was sponsored by Turf Supply Company and their fine staff which includes Jack Kolb, Dave Krupp, and Carl Tychsen. Dr. Hodges reviewed his research findings about the pythium root dysfunction problem on sand greens. He stated that this dysfunction problem is unique to greens built with 100% sand; however, as the greens mature the problem seems to correct itself. He cautions anyone building 100% sand greens with surrounding native soil collars to be aware of the dysfunction problem.

Our next meeting will bring our venturesome volume to the Violet Vulture's lair. We all know the host superintendent and awesome wonder of this course as Fred Anderson. If you still haven't guessed the location of our resident MGCSA touring 8 handicapper I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Watch for the next meeting flyer coming to you by Purple Hawk express mail.

## MINNESOTA'S GOLFING HERITAGE



## TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

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The year was 1892 and the first round of golf in Minnesota was played at the historic Town and Country Club of St. Paul.

Actually, golf began there as an afterthought. A pioneer member, William F. Peet, conspired with a St. Paul newspaper reporter. Desperate for tid bits of news, he asked Peet for the latest Town and Country gossip. Peet suggested a story about a new game called golf which was getting some print in papers along the east coast. The reporter disliked his duties of social reporting so he contrived