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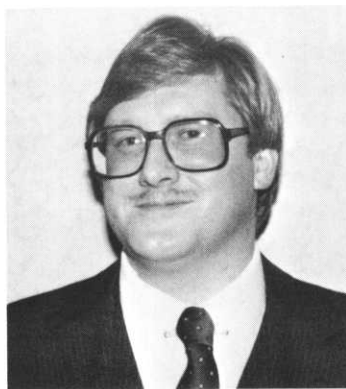
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KERRY GLADER

As we wind down the April showers, we open our May flowers on a very, very sad note. The passing away of our dear friend, fellow professional and long-time greenskeeper, Harold Stodola, will weigh heavily upon our hearts for years to come. Yet, the enjoyment and love we gained from this "last of the greenskeepers" will live on in our memories and golf courses, as we recall his strength and wise advice to stop and smell the flowers.

To Harold's loving wife, Ethel, and family, the MGCSA expresses our sincere condolences and heartfelt thanks for all the years we were given to learn from this very special and gifted husband and father. Thank you and our thoughts and prayers will be with you always.

The April membership meeting held at the Faribault Golf and Country Club was welcomed by rather cool, but playable weather. Host superintendent, Dale Wysocki, had the course in top condition for so early in the year. Our thanks to the Faribault Golf and Country Club and staff for a very enjoyable club and course.

Our illustrious "Hole Notes" editor, Randy Nelson, is in need of our help. As with any new year when board members receive new chair positions, "Hole Notes" has become the Black Plague and worst nightmare. We all have something that could be written about and it does not have to be course maintenance oriented. Any tennis court reconstruction, swimming pool work, landscaping projects, greenhouse development, how to survive a tax audit or any other of the 10,000 jobs we take care of each day. So please, help Randy and our award winning publication to further excel or we will wind up with reprints or increased advertisements.