THANKS FROM &



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With the golf season winding to a close, the Minnesota Golf Association would like to let all superintendents, especially whom we worked those with tournament schedule, how appreciative we are of the relationship that has developed with the keepers of the green. Sure, conditions are always the best they can be when M.G.A. players hit the tournament trail, but many of them may not be aware that the superintendent and his staff have already been working hours before the first tee time. The fairways have all been cut, testing but fair flagstick locations have been selected, and the greens have all been mowed the morning (early morning) of the event. It adds up to a lot of work, sometimes for weeks advance, but it pays off when the players experience true tournament conditions that are fair for everyone.

When Mother Nature throws us a curve ball

and dumps a load of rain, such as at Dellwood for this year's Four-Ball, the superintendent and his crew are manning the squeegies to help ensure that the round is completed, if at all possible. The final round at Dellwood wouldn't have been possible without this kind of dedication and spirit of professionalism.

Players in this year's Amateur Championship were unanimous in their praise of Edina Country Club. None were able to break par but they all were talking about the great conditions and the championship quality of this fine course. They are still talking about the great putting surfaces they found at North Oaks the year before and what a pleasure Winona Country Club was in 1984.

I could fill another issue by naming everyone of you who deserve our thanks but suffice it to say that your friendly, cooperative professionalism makes our job much easier. From the President on down, we want you to know that your efforts are appreciated and admired. Enjoy a restful winter. You've earned it!

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