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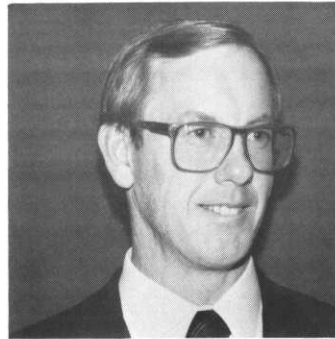
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FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
DESK
DOUG MAHAL

It may have been the 78 I scored which made the day seem so enjoyable but I certainly had a great time at our July monthly meeting site, Voyager Village. Host Superintendent, Guy Lohman, had the course in magnificent condition. Many thanks to Guy and his wife Jane for helping to make the day so super for us "supers!"

Had enough heat yet? While many golf courses have received nearly adequate rainfall, there are some of us luckier folk who have gotten very little. But the heat and humidity have been there universally. Under these conditions, it's easy for both superintendent and staff to slide into mediocrity performance-wise. It is necessary to schedule moderate breaks and time off for both, in order to maintain quality workmanship and to maximize any enjoyment the job can offer during these "sticky" times of the year. Unfortunately, here in the midwest, it's during this "sticky" period that the demand for quality is at its peak and allowing time off on an already tight payroll budget is difficult. I'm of the opinion that it is the superintendent's responsibility to inform their employer of the importance of acquiring enough staff to maintain quality while maintaining a staff that enjoys getting up and coming to work each morning.

Our annual superintendent tournament is just around the corner. If you haven't had the chance to play Edinburgh USA yet, here is your opportunity. Host Tom Fischer has done an outstanding job in getting that track established under less than ideal conditions. It's a golf course that does not have to be long to make you think about your shot; every shot. Send that registration form back when you receive it and bring your most accurate swing. The day will be enjoyable. (Wait until you see the clubhouse!)

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NEW EVENT TAKES OFF!

The John Deere GCSAA/PGA Pro-Am Event was held at Edinburgh USA on July 27. There was a great turnout for this inaugural event. The teams were made up of the Superintendent, Golf Professional, Club President and Manager of each entered course.

The final team results were:

1. Lafayette Club
2. Mankato GC
3. Edinburgh USA
4. Lost Spur CC
5. Tartan Park GC
6. Island View CC
Madden's Resort
8. Goodrich GC
9. Interlachen CC
10. Fargo CC
11. Oak Ridge CC
12. Minneapolis GC

The Professional results were:

1. Joel Goldstrand 71
2. Ken Ellsworth 72
3. Kevin Carter 74
4. Mike Zinni 75
Jack Baldwin 75
Dave Kingsrud 75
Jim Terry 75
8. Craig Waryan 78
9. Mike Diebel 79
Bill Kidd 79
11. Rob Brown 80
12. Mike Berry 81

FIELD EVENTS

Closest to the Pin:

- #2 Superintendent-John Nylund, Braemar
- #8 Club President-Karl Donahue, Island View
- #14 PGA Professional-Bill Kidd, Interlachen
- #16 Club Manager-Tom Winters, Lost Spur

Longest Drive:

- #15 Superintendent-Jim Gardner, Rochester
- #12 Club President-Sue Gannott, Rolling Green
- #3 Club Manager-Chuck Schmidt, Elk River

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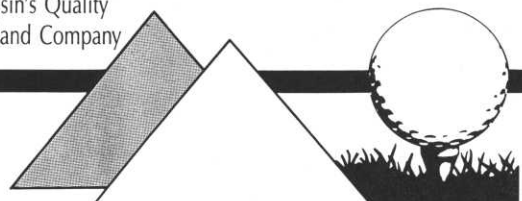
Research committee chairman, Scott Hoffman, continues to make arrangements on a Research tournament scheduled for October. The trust fund generated by this tournament will allow MGCSA to participate in important research which we are presently interested in but financially unable to support. Look for details and assist if you can.

August is here. In a month or so, we'll be on the back side of a tough season.

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