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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DOUG MAHAL

By now you've all noticed our new HOLE NOTES masthead design. It was the opinion of many members to once again include the MGCSA logo on the front cover. The change was discussed and approved in January and now resembles the design of several years ago. We hope you approve.

It's a rare occasion when the game of golf can be played in Minnesota during the months of January and February. It was a fact this year. In my tenure with Minnesota winters, I can't recall one quite so mild. There were some early concerns about possible turf desiccation and damage but, to date, I'm not aware of any devastation. We're not out of the woods yet but we've gotten through January and February with healthy crown tissue. A mild, open winter also allows for outdoor course work which is generally not possible. Superintendents who have taken advantage of that will have a head start on course prep in the spring.

During our January meeting at Woodhill Country Club, I announced the resignation of Director Chris Hague from our Board of Governors and the appointment of Scott Ainsworth as his replacement. I now find it necessary to make yet another appointment. Scott Ainsworth has decided to resign as superintendent of River Falls Golf Club and as Director of MGCSA. He'll be pursuing other professional avenues and on behalf of MGCSA, I'd like to wish him all the best in his new adventure and say thanks for his contribution to our association and the turf industry over the past couple decades. This current board vacancy will be filled by Mr. Tom McCann, superintendent of Daytona Golf Club in Dayton. Tom comes with good credentials and, in my opinion, will be a great asset to MGCSA. He will become new co-chairman of the Arrangements Committee with Brad Klein assuming the responsibilities as new Membership Chairman.            Continued on Page 10

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I think all that attended had a very enjoyable day at Woodhill Country Club, site of our January monthly meeting. Several displayed their skills on the platform tennis court for the first time and those that got into the hockey game reported nothing more than an occasional "high-stick" of "slashing" penalty. Thanks and congratulations to George and the staff at Woodhill for a great facility and a superb lunch they prepared for us.

A record number of participants (approx. 13,000) attended the 58th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Phoenix, January 31-February 2. Phoenix offered beautiful weather conditions and convention facilities. Seven superintendents of the Minnesota delegation arrived in Tucson prior to the convention for the annual GCSAA golf tournament. Though none of the seven broke any course records, they saw some interesting and challenging desert golf courses. The second annual MGCSA Hospitality Nite was held at the Hyatt Regency-Phoenix and was well supported and appreciated by both the superintendents, their guests and by

several generous MGCSA associate sponsors who made the evening possible.

While at the convention, treasurer Keith Scott and myself had the pleasure of presenting \$2,000 to the GCSAA S&R Fund, on behalf of MGCSA. We requested that these funds be dedicated to the USGA/GCSAA Capital Research Project. Be advised that our MGCSA donation was extremely appreciated by both the GCSAA and USGA and will be used to continue some very valuable research.

Plan to attend our annual March Mini-Seminar at Majestic Oaks on the 9th. Your conference and education committee has a good line-up of speakers for the day. Look for the mailing and send it back as soon as possible.

I wish you all a smooth start to your 1987 golf season.



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n 1954 George Ostler injured his back while handling 100-pound bags of fertilizer. Thus, he was unable to eject the plug from the cup cutter.

George developed a lever action ejector which he could operate without pain to his back. Joe Garske, a member of Midland Hills where George was employed, noted the utility value of the lever action.

With George's permission, Joe Garske put the lever action cup cutter into his "Par Aide" line of accessory equipment. Turf Supply Company would like to pay tribute to George Ostler for being an innovator in the Golf course maintenance industry.



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