



## EDITOR'S CORNER

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During January someone said it must be spring as the grass was turning green on the banks facing to the south. With very little snow in the Twin Cities area and above normal temperatures, Mother Nature is trying to fool us into thinking spring is here.

One consolation to this mild weather is that many winter projects are being completed without the frostbitten fingers and toes that can accompany winter work. In our case, six holes on the back nine were cleared of brush, stumps and weeds and the trees trimmed; all which could not have been done with a foot of snow on the ground.

The January meeting was held at Woodhill Country Club. With the exception of intermittent patches of snow on the golf course, one felt the urge to break out the clubs and play a round of golf. The temperature was in the high forties with a warm breeze and clear sky. Now back to reality. Fun was had by all in playing platform tennis and ice hockey.

We would like to thank Mike Redmond for donating the refreshment which was appreciated by all. A special thank you goes to George Jennrich and staff for hosting our January meeting which was well attended. Approximately 70 people were present for the meeting and lunch.

The GCSAA Turf Conference and Show is history for another year. The sunny climate attracted over 12,000 superintendents and distributors from various parts of the globe for a week of education and camaraderie. The trade show seems to grow each year and 1987 was no exception with many new companies getting into the mower market. Buying mowers used to be a relatively easy decision with only a handful of companies producing quality golf course equipment. Today, we have

numerous options and variables to consider in purchasing a mower for golf course care.

At this year's conference, the HOLE NOTES was honored with an Editor of the Year Plaque. We wish to thank Warren Rebholz, Randy Nelson and all those who wrote articles for their efforts and talent in making your newsletter one of the best in the country. To keep us number one, we require the help of our members in producing quality material. This year I have set up a committee to help in contacting people for writing articles. The committee consists of Richard Dicks, Scott Liestman and myself. We are in need of articles for upcoming issues and would appreciate your support. You may write on any subject related to the golf course (examples are history of the course, new ideas in turf care, any special tool you may have adapted to your equipment, techniques used in spraying, fertilizing, changing cups, etc.). A plaque is given to each person writing an article for the HOLE NOTES. Feel free to contact Richard, Scott or myself if you have any questions regarding an article for the HOLE NOTES.

We will see you next March 9 at Majestic Oaks for the Mini-Seminar.

