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FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
DESK  
DOUG MAHAL

Have you had that sinking feeling that 1987 may be a tough year to grow turf? You've been working your hardest and just don't seem to be catching up, right? Well, you're not alone. The phenomenon has been quite familiar this spring. If your turf is still alive, you've definitely been well tested. Thankfully, June is here and our staffs are once again full. Schedule a break for yourself by either getting out to play the game or spending time at the lake, pool or on a picnic with the family. It's much too early to be burning out!

Our May superintendent meeting at Somerset C.C. was certainly enjoyable. Strong wrists proved to be very helpful while attempting shots from the rough. But what a treat to play such a unique club. Thanks, Murph!

Plans are being formulated for a MGCSA Research Tournament to be held in early October. For this inaugural season, we'll be asking 20 clubs from the Twin Cities Metro area to donate 4 tee times in order to not put the play burden on any one club. If we can obtain 4 tee times from 20 clubs, the event could involve 320 players. An awards dinner would follow at some central location for all the participants. Keep your eyes open for further developments on this handicap event.

I've seen an unusual amount of shrub damage due to the strange winter experienced in Minnesota in 86-87. Never plantings were the most seriously affected, most of which will require replacement. Just another job in an already busy season.

Let's hope for a better June! See you at Tartan Park.