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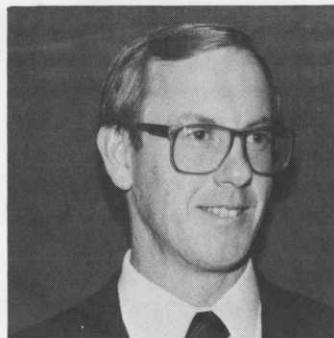
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DOUG MAHAL

As the 1987 season begins to draw down, the words used to describe it vary depending on location. Many courses received moderate weather and were able to cope with the conditions. Some, however, got a Joe Neikro knuckle ball hurled at them which left many a superintendent holding the sandpaper and emery board. Rest assured, those fall frosts will soon be arriving with regularity and, regardless of location, will be refreshing.

Our annual superintendent tournament presented contestants with an incredible test of golf. I submit, that scores have never been higher for this event, which confirms Robert T. Jones II's cunning in creating Edinburgh USA. Congratulations to 1987 champion Randy Nelson on an amazing score of 76 and to host superintendent Tom Fischer on the condition of that young course.

If you play the game, you won't want to miss out on our 3rd annual Harold Stodola Scramble scheduled for September 21 at the Minikahda Club. This one fills fast so be sure to send those registrations back quickly.

I was very disturbed to hear of the untimely death of Dr. Leon Snyder. As many of you know, Dr. Snyder was a monumental figure in the establishment of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. His contribution to that fine facility and to the green industry in general will long be remembered and recognized. Our condolences to his family and many friends.

Looking ahead, begin watching for information on our 1st annual Research Trust Tournament to be held in early October. In addition, all plans have been finalized for our annual conference on December 2-4. I hope you plan to attend both of these functions.

Pull yourselves up by the bootstraps if necessary and make the most of a normally enjoyable fall season. See you at Minikahda!