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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SCOTT HOFFMANN, CGCS

Sometimes it takes a scheduled event outside the world of golf for us to take time to appreciate our families. For me recently, it was my daughter's piano recital. Although not quite ready to take the music world by storm, nor much able to impress her younger brother, she provided a memorable afternoon for her mother and father.

Hope you can take a little time out during the coming busy season to enjoy some of the small but very important times with your family. As they say, they only come by once.

However enjoyable, the April sun and warmth at Faribault were no match for the timely rains brought to us by Kevin Clunis for our May meeting in Stillwater. Can't think of when I've seen so many smiling faces gathered in a clubhouse during a rainstorm. That was the good news. The great news is we were still able to enjoy an afternoon round of golf as the rain subsided and the sun peeked through. Great job Kevin, and thanks to Stillwater CC.

Thanks also to Turf Supply for providing the speaker for the day in Bob Stieb from Nor Am, giving an informative talk on Prograss, one of the new chemicals available for Poa control.

Just a reminder that the research solicitation invoices have been sent out, and if you haven't already done so, please see they get into the proper hands at your club. The research committee headed by Keith Scott and Fred Anderson have been hard at work and need our support. Also have our 2nd Annual Turf Tourney coming up on June 17 with all proceeds going to Turf research.

Mark August 15 on your calendar. Not only will we enjoy our Annual Superintendents Championship at beautiful Rochester Golf and Country Club, but will also be honoring long-time superintendent Kurt Erdmann upon his retirement. Look for more information from our arrangements chairman Tom McCann concerning this event and a charter bus providing round-trip transportation from a convenient Twin Cities location.

Joe Moris, Randy Allen and all our associate members will be rolling out the red carpet for our Annual Picnic/Family day at Tartan Park on June 20. Should be a great day!