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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### SCOTT HOFFMANN, CGCS

I hope by the time this article gets to press we will have had our April showers, but I think the extremely dry spring up to this point is worth commenting on. A typical spring opening challenges our organizational abilities in preparing the golf course, usually with skeleton crews, for our very eager Minnesota golfer. With the very dry spring we are experiencing, our planning and organization that should have taken place last fall and winter really comes to the forefront.

Were our irrigation systems winterized properly and in good working condition last fall and now ready to perform when needed. Is our equipment serviced and ready for operation. Have our chemical and fertilizer orders been submitted. How about hand tools, tee accessories, irrigation inventory, and often used machinery repair items. Do we have a schedule and plan for capital improvements. Is the crew hired and what are their starting and ending dates. Was that new equipment purchase thoroughly researched and will it perform to expectations. Were our operating budgets carefully prepared and did we find time to keep abreast of industry advancements and changes.

These are only a few of the many items we as superintendents must attend to in the off-season, so next time someone asks us what we do all winter we will continue to smile and respond "we keep busy", knowing that the proof will be in the pudding come golf season.

I don't know what kind of magic Dale Wysocki possesses but for the third year in a row he has managed to arrange perfect June weather for our April meeting, and as we have come to expect, Dale and his club were the perfect hosts. Now, if they could just do something about those April golf scores.

We have our 2nd Annual Minnesota Turfgrass Research Benefit Tournament coming up on June 17. This event is sponsored by the MGCSA and is unusual in that it is played on 18 different private clubs and is open to the public. You can learn of all the details in this month's HOLE NOTES.

We return to Stillwater Country Club in May for what should be a sure cure for any lingering effects of "Spring Madness". See you there.