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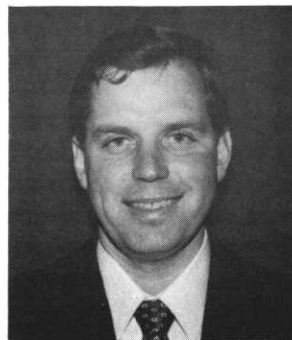
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SCOTT HOFFMANN, CGCS

As winter draws near and we begin looking for that first lasting snow that will blanket and protect our golf courses through the long winter, thoughts of last summer's heat and drought already seem to be a distant memory.

While I would be the first to agree that winter comes too soon and lasts too long in Minnesota, it does have its advantages. The slower pace is not only welcome, but much needed, and the seasonal change offers us time for reflection of last season and planning for the season to come.

As Minnesotans in general, and golf courses in particular, reflect on the summer of '88, our water resources, and usage of, will undoubtedly be foremost in our minds. Our state legislature is expected to take a new look at old laws and we may expect to see some major changes in permitting and appropriation.

It will be a vital period for golf courses and we will want to play a significant role in the development of new water policies. Your board has begun to take action and will be pursuing several plans of action. Two of these concern funding Golf Course Water Use Surveys and Golf course Economic Impact Studies. It is important we work together on these issues and hope when called upon you will respond to these surveys.

Rick Frederickson and Rolling Green Country Club had the greens rolling, as well as a few superintendents rolling, with some of us over indulging a bit on that unbelievable dessert buffet. Thanks to Rick and his staff for a great October meeting and for the golf balls donated by Rick and his pro, Jim Terry.

This will be my last article as president so would like to take this time to thank the membership for providing me the opportunity to serve and for an exceptional, hard-working board to serve with. It has been a pleasure.

I will not be seeing you at our November meeting at Billy's Lighthouse as it conflicts with Madden's annual management meeting but look forward to seeing you all at the Sheraton in December.