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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SCOTT HOFFMANN, CGCS

Tired would seem to be the best adjective summing up this season's emotions. Tired superintendents, tired staff, tired irrigation systems and tired grass. Take heart, fall is here with its magical powers of regeneration. If you haven't already done so, consider a couple well-deserved days off. With those creative juices rested you will be ready to dive into those fall projects full force.

It was heart warming to see the fine turn-out for Kurt Erdmann's retirement dinner at our August Superintendents' Championship at Rochester Golf and Country Club. Kurt is a very deserving recipient of our appreciation and that of his club. Special note should be made of the excellent relationship Kurt shared with his members and especially with that of his golf professional, Paul Pehler. Should be a message in there somewhere for the rest of us.

Keith Scott and Fred Anderson, our Research Committee Chairmen, have been sailing smoothly this season with great progress made in the Poa/Bent competition studies as well as acquiring a \$3,000 grant from the University of Minnesota in support of this research. If your club or business has yet to donate, I am almost positive Keith and Fred will still accept and cash your check, regardless of its date.

It's not every year Minnesota hosts a major golf event. This year we were privileged to host three. The host superintendents and their staffs should be recognized and congratulated for the outstanding contribution they have made to Minnesota golf. Dan Hanson, Minikahda Club, host of the US Women's Amateur Championship; Mike Olson, Golden Valley Country Club, host of the US Girls Junior Championship; and George Jennrich, Woodhill Country Club, host of the Trans-Miss.

On to St. Cloud Country Club for our very popular Annual Harold Stodola Research Scramble. This year I have a feeling I'm going to win one of those raffle prizes. That is if I can keep Keith Scott from buying any tickets!