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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We Need To Look To The Future



As you have probably noted, the Board of Directors approved the change of Business Office and Executive Director from the MGA Office to Turtinen Communications, effective August 1, 1990. This change has taken some two to three years of thought, questions, ideas and concerns of many members and Board members.

As was previously noted in last month's issue of *Hole Notes*, we have become too large for the MGA office to handle our daily affairs. We truly need to look to the future and the continued growth our association is having each year. Our long time friendship with the MGA office will continue. We are extremely grateful to Warren Rebholz, Ross Galarneault and Anita Hight for the support and care that they have given us over the years.

Now it is time to address the meat and potatoes issue. To make this needed move to Turtinen Communications and to keep our currently healthy financial statement, we will be recommending a dues increase effective June 1, 1991. The goal of the MGCSA Board of Directors over the past ten years has been to keep our savings accounts with enough funds to match our annual operating expenses. Our healthy financial accounts attest to that desire of the past. To maintain this health and to continue our growth, a dues increase will be placed on the ballot for a vote at the Annual Conference and Business Meeting on November 28, 1990. More information will be sent to all of you in a separate mailing.

We are an active, viable association that does receive a great deal of benefit for our dues each year. We are respected around the nation and will continue to be in this position for years to come. The environmental issues of the next decade will demand that we be better informed on all related public concerns. We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand traps and continue to ignore this growing fact. Through the MGCSA we will answer these issues and help all in this industry to be prepared to confront these trends.

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Thanks to Bill Whitworth and the Northfield Golf Club for our enjoyable day in July. The next test of your golf game will come at the 1991 U.S. Open site. Chris Hague and Hazeltine National Golf Club have invited us to enjoy this great Minnesota course and test our games against the likes of Nicklaus, Watson, Floyd and Irwin. See you on the 13th of August. Is that your lucky day?

—Kerry Glader, MGCSA President



ABOUT THE COVER

When the U.S. Open first was played at Hazeltine in 1970, the Chaska course's 17th hole was a par four. Now it's a par three, just one of the significant changes that have taken place at Hazeltine. For an update on preparations for the 1991 U.S. Open, please turn to page 5.