

EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris
The Lafayette Club



President Tom Fischer has appointed Scott Austin and yours truly to the Editorial Committee for 1991. First of all, I would like to thank Bill Johnson for his insight and skill in handling last year's *Hole Notes*.

Our Annual Conference held at the Northland Inn for the first time was a huge success. A fine facility with an excellent staff helps put your mind at ease and allows you to concentrate on the critical issues facing our association. Our slate of speakers drove home some of these issues with rhetoric like "environment" and "water quality."

We, as superintendents, have taken the forefront on many of these issues. Therefore, it is imperative that we project a professional image to the golfing community and general public so they know we are concerned professionals with the intention of guiding a booming industry in the right direction.

I would like to extend a personal thanks to our conference speakers and participants. Without their research and informative input, we would have a difficult time disseminating comparable data to the members of our association.

I also would like to extend the ever-present invitation to our members concerning articles in *Hole Notes*. Your input is greatly appreciated and needed in order to provide this association with an informative vehicle. I encourage you to take part in an excellent opportunity to convey your ideas, thoughts and strategies directed towards our profession, put them on paper and have them published in *your* publication. I have said it before, take a close look at your facility and share with your peers some unique feature that you feel should be shared to make our operations work just a little smarter.

Some of you probably are making plans to attend the 62nd International Golf Course Conference & Show in Las Vegas. Attending this conference gives us a great deal of insight on the future of golf course maintenance. Presently, Minnesota superintendents are well-represented at the national convention and come home well-equipped mentally for the upcoming season.

If you do not currently attend this national event, for whatever reason, make a serious commitment to overcome your particular circumstances that prevent you from going. Once you have done so, I think you will ask yourself, "How did I ever do without?"

Congratulations go out to Dale Wysocki of Faribault Golf and Country Club, this year's recipient of the James Watson Award for Journalism. His experience with USTs can benefit us all. His well-trained trigger finger also provides a great deal of the photographs in this publication. Thanks again, Dale.

I hope the new year brings you great success and all your resolutions and goals are met for the 1991 season. I will strive to bring you current events in our Association that have an effect on our profession through this publication, and I hope you, as members, will provide me with the direction I will need to be successful. —*John Harris, Editor*

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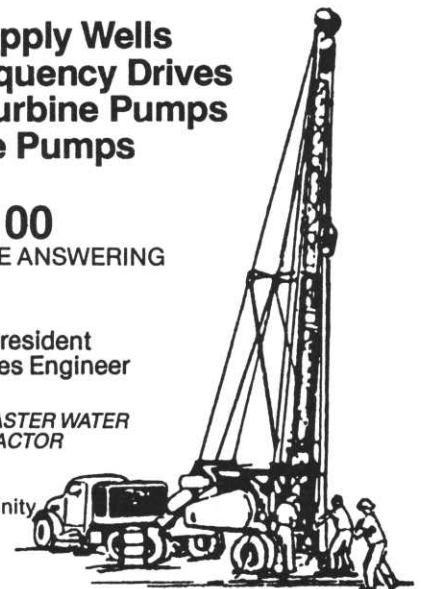
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