

EDITOR'S CORNER

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How about the weather we've been having? First, the cold weather in December, without much snow cover, drove the frost down three to four feet deep.

Then January—the first January since 1846 to **not** record a below zero temperature in the Twin Cities. It was also the first January to record above normal temperatures every day of the month.

In addition to these facts, at least in the Twin Cities area, this was the second warmest and second driest January on record. As of February 8th, a new record of 45 consecutive days above normal was established, with the warm weather continuing.

By the time you are reading this, I hope our prayers have been answered, and the turf is adequately covered with snow. Although the conditions we've had in December, January and early February are not what we would like to see, and certainly cause for serious concern, I feel we can still come out of the winter in good shape, if we are snow-covered in March and have some timely rains this spring.

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My sincere apology to all who did not receive the December-January issue of *Hole Notes* in a timely manner. As mentioned in an earlier issue, a savings of approximately \$300 per issue was projected, using bulk mailing rather than first class.

We expected the delivery to take a few days longer, but not the two weeks time we experienced.

The issues were delivered to the post office on the morning of January 3, and some did not receive *Hole Notes* until January 17...or later.

Obviously this is not acceptable. We are still reviewing some other options, but will probably go back to first class mailing.

We will have pictures and coverage of the 61st annual GCSAA Conference and Show in the April issue.

—Bill Johnson, Editor

Green Clippings

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insight on his experience in a future *Hole Notes* article... Congratulations to **John K. MacKenzie** of North Oaks, a recently Certified Superintendent. John's name will now carry the prestigious CGCS after his name... In a recent Research Committee meeting, Greg Hubbard suggested a survey of techniques and practices used by area superintendents to winterize their courses. The objective would be to flush out any new and/or unusual ideas that would be a benefit to all. Watch for it in late summer.

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