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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our Next Meeting Is At Stone Brooke On June 11



I am truly amazed at the power of a group of golf course superintendents. If we can come up with rain every time we have a monthly meeting, I think we should meet at least once per week!

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For those superintendents who know of turfgrass students, please make them aware of our scholarship program. Applications must be in by July 1. If there are any questions, please contact Rick Fredericksen. The Harold Stodola Memorial Scholarship Fund was named after a superintendent who gave unselfishly of his time and talent to train young people in the field of turfgrass management.

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We are not going to publish a new Association Roster until January 1991. The Board of Directors would like to have the newly-elected Board and Officers listed each year, and we felt that we would wait until dues statements are returned for the June 1990 to May 1991 period and publish in January each year.

We are looking into making some additional copies of the 1989-90 Roster or just some copies of the printer's draft for anyone who does not have a roster and would like one. Please let Greg Hubbard or the MGA office know if you would like one. The Board realizes that this will cause some inconvenience and hopes that you will understand our position.

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Research Fund Donation letters recently have gone out to all members of the Association. Please see to it that the proper club official receives this information. This fund drive is the backbone of our research program. We need all of our members to participate and support this effort. It does not matter how small or large your donation might be. We all benefit from the research projects that the MGCSA supports.

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Our Publication—"Hole Notes"—is our best means of communication with you, our member. The continual rise in cost of production as the size of issues increase is also adding a significant cost of mailing. Should the projected increase in postal rates take effect, we will be adding to our current burden. Bulk mailing, which costs around \$150, per issue, takes upwards of three weeks for some members to receive. However, first-class mailing is costing about \$750 per issue for the larger issues.

Advertising rates were increased at the start of the new year and may have to be increased in 1991. We may also have to increase membership dues or turn back to bulk mailing to reduce costs. We need to hear from our membership to help us make a rational decision.

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Our June 11 meeting is planned for Stone Brooke Golf Club. Host Superintendent Tom Haugen will be looking forward to our visit as much as we are to seeing his new course.

—Kerry Glader
MGCSA President