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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Now Is A Good Time To Reflect On The Past And Think About The Future



With the season winding down, it is time to contemplate on fall renovation projects and on this past golf season. What worked or did not work with the turf management practices that you are using? Reflect on these issues and gain some answers through reflection and the upcoming turf education conferences and from taking time to read turf periodicals and from talking with other superintendents.

While you are thinking about your turf management programs, how did you do with your public relations? Public relations with our golfers and boards is openly as crucial as the ability to grow grass! Do you make good use of the club's newsletter by contributing articles each month, or by making use of the bulletin board by the locker rooms? Either way, communication is essential!

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The Stodola Scramble was held at Dellwood Hills Golf Club and was very well-attended as we have come to expect. Host superintendent John Bichner had the course in excellent condition and everyone enjoyed themselves. I would like to say thank you to John and the Dellwood Hills GC membership and Board of Directors for allowing us to enjoy their golf course.

While on the subject of the Stodola Scramble, the Board of Directors has discussed this tournament's structure and looked at some options to improve upon it. We would like to plan future Stodola Scrambles at two clubs, hopefully in the same area, with both clubs having afternoon shotguns and then dinner at one club afterwards. We know that the morning shotgun at one club is less than ideal, and we hope that the double-club deal would work and streamline this event and give more of our membership the ability to attend.

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With the upcoming 1991 U.S. Open to be held at Hazeltine National, many superintendents have asked how they can get in to the tournament? Only the Gold "GCSAA" card holders will be allowed a complimentary daily pass for you and your spouse to attend the tournament. MGCSA membership **does not** get you in. There is still plenty of time to join the GCSAA to make use of this and many other valuable benefits of membership in the national association. New members that join just prior to the National Turf Conference are given a complimentary pass to the GCSAA conference. The 1991 conference will be in Las Vegas in early February.

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With the MGCSA Annual Turf Conference and Business Meeting coming up on November 28th at the Northland Inn, I would like to invite you to plan on attending and staying at the hotel. All of the Northland's rooms are suites that have two double-beds and a comfortable sleeper-sofa so you can "triple-up" with friends and make for a cheaper hotel stay than we have had in the past.

I think you will find that the hotel will exceed the expectations that we as a Board have for it. Kevin Clunis and the Conference Committee have put together an excellent program with concurrent educational sessions. The Thursday morning Fellowship Continental Breakfast is an opportunity to gain some reflection from the company or other association members in a relaxed atmosphere and to contemplate our short winter's nap!

—Kerry Glader
MGCSA President