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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our Championship Problem May Have Been A Case of 'Open Fever'



As we sometimes find in life, things do not always go as we would have planned them, such as the August Superintendents' Golf Tournament held at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

As your president, I apologize to any member who did not get to play in this event this year. I would like, initially, to say that only MGCSA members were allowed to play! Over the past few years we have not restricted this tournament to only golf course superintendent members in order to keep the attendance and the participation up.

Last year's tournament brought forth 120 total players: superintendents, assistants and associates combined. This year we received 200 entries to fill a maximum field of 140. I suspect that we should have had some foresight to realize that the 1991 U.S. Open course would draw players out of the woodwork!

Through the cracks, the field limit of 140 was omitted from the entry form. Human error does happen. I would add that all entries were taken based on the U.S. Postal Service cancellation stamp on the envelope.

Mail does not always arrive on time. Club accountants do not always send the checks out on time, even if you watch them make the check out and stuff it in an envelope. It does not mean that it got mailed that day.

I know that no further explanation can ease the anger of those of you who could not play. In the future this tournament will be referred to as the Annual Association Golf Tournament, not the Superintendents' Tournament. The Board of Directors has looked into this situation to see if this truly was a problem... or just a case of "Open Fever."

Many thanks to Chris Hague and the Hazeltine National Golf Club for a grand time. A tough, but beautiful golf course was met, and I think all would agree that the course won!

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The Harold Stodola **Guest** Scramble will be held Monday, September 24, at Dellwood Hills Golf Club. This is the time to bring your club officials, guests or grounds crew to enjoy a good time!

—Kerry Glader
MGCSA President



ABOUT THE COVER

Playing out of a bunker is John Katterheinrich, course superintendent at Interlachen Country Club, Edina, who won the 1990 Championship at Hazeltine with his 39-41-80. For more information and photos, please turn to page 10.