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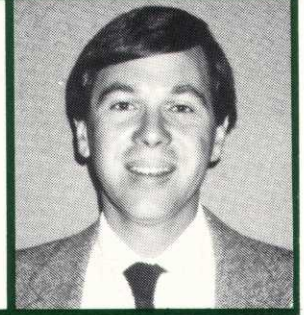
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's So Important To Keep Abreast Of All Developments



With the first days of Spring, golf course superintendents begin asking questions about how Mother Nature has dealt with their turf over the Winter.

As we recall last year, ice covered our greens for most of the Winter, yielding a tremendous loss of turf. Both bentgrass and Poa annua suffered equally. The present outlook appears less damaging. The season's snow cover, gradual melting process and moderate temperatures have resulted in healthier turf conditions. With April here, golf course turf looks quite promising.

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I want to thank Shane Andrews, Kevin Clunis and the Education Committee for organizing a great March Mini-Seminar and Pesticide Recertification Seminar at the Northland Inn.

At this time I must remind any individual who did not recertify his/her pesticide license at the Northland Inn to contact the Department of Agriculture and arrange to attend a class during this year, or you will have to retest after December 31, 1991. Our Association will not have a recertification class at the November conference.

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Kevin Clunis and the Environmental Committee were quite busy this past month. (*See the Environmental Update story on Page 10.*) The committee is compiling a resource booklet to keep us informed of changes in the laws and criteria on forms and records that must be maintained to comply with State regulations. Items of interest include underground gas tanks, pesticide and fertilizer records, and how to become a certified pesticide applicator. With special thanks to Kevin, we will have an excellent informative booklet to aid us in complying with state regulations.

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Results from the MGCSA Water Use Survey of golf course water consumption have been finalized and tabulated for last year. As this is a continuing study, no meaningful results are yet available. However, we still need more survey participants, particularly in southwestern and northern Minnesota, to broaden our survey base. If you have a water meter on your irrigation delivery system, please contact Greg Hubbard to volunteer your services. Complete anonymity is assured. Let me thank Keith Scott and Kevin Clunis for their committee participation and, of course, those 14 superintendents who participated in this survey during 1990.

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I hope to see all of you at Owatonna Country Club April 22.

— Tom Fischer
MGCSA President

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