

As I look at past issues of *Hole Notes*, I realize that I am in some very good company. Many times I have wondered what it would be like to run a small newspaper. Now's my chance to edit a newsletter, not just a newsletter but a newsletter that serves a specific purpose.

I feel that *Hole Notes* exists because the membership wants to be informed about new types of legislation, who's doing what and how they're doing it, what works, what I can do to give my membership a better golf outing and what's new on the market.

In thinking these thoughts I also realize another key question: What does the membership want from *Hole Notes*? I would like to see 600 letters in my mail box with comments.

The 64th Annual Turf Conference & Business Meeting has come to an end. Chairperson Shane Andrews did a magnificent job in bringing the whole show together. We definitely had some interesting presentations. For example, Dr. Paul Rieke's talk about New Zealand. We sometimes think that golf was created here and that all golf courses have umpteen triplex mowers for fairways and a zillion handmowers for par 3 fairways. It was a treat to hear about our brothers down where the Southern Cross is so very prominent. It not only was a good talk, but the slides and ideas brought forth were excellent.

Bobbie Gee has a message, and it was so easy to receive her message: IMAGE! How do *we* appear to each other? Looking through old *Hole Notes*, you can see some change. Now it's time to put some real effort into our appearance. When you go to your individual club's annual meeting, are you outfitted in a suit with a tie or do you just come out from under an old tractor that was degreased while you were under it? It makes sense, and believe me when I say a suit and tie will not maim you for three days. Common sense tells you that a suit and tie do not fit when you are in a four-foot pit trying to repair a 6" irrigation line, but, after the task is complete you do have a clean shirt in your office. Don't you?

At the banquet the MGCSA honored three outstanding individuals with its Distinguished Service Award: Russ Adams, Jack Kolb and Gordy Miller. Congratulations, gentlemen.

This past year we have seen the Scholarship Committee really get involved and do some hard work at raising funds. The 1991 committee made up of Joe Moris, Kevin Clunis,

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Dennis Hendrickson, Steve Garske, Mike Leitner and Jeff Churchill really did a superb job. Special thanks goes to the Leitner Company for underwriting the costs of the lapel pins. If you did not get a chance to purchase one or would like to know how to obtain one, call Joe Moris at 612/733-3472. The proceeds from the sales go directly to the Scholarship Fund. Steve Garske also made a very generous donation in the name of his father, the late Joe Garske. In July there will be the Joe Garske Superintendent Staff Scramble at Tartan Park. The proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

Thank you to all the advertisers who help make *Hole Notes* possible for all of us to enjoy. Have a Happy Holiday Season, and hopefully we will see you on January 13th at Izaty's for snowmobiling, ice fishing and a good time together. —Dale Wysocki Editor

MGCSA Associate Members to Host Social February 15 in New Orleans

The MGCSA Associate Members will host their annual social gathering at the 1992 GCSAA Annual Conference in New Orleans from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 15.

It will be held in the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the heart of the French Quarter.

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