

EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris
The Lafayette Club



From my viewpoint the U.S. Open was one to remember. We saw unprecedented attendance by the general public right down to the playoff.

The facilities were well-equipped to handle the crowds, and the smiles were abundant.

Hazeltine Superintendent Chris Hague and his staff did a superb job preparing the playing surface. Fairways and tees were of the finest quality anywhere.

We saw green speeds reaching into the 14-foot range, making birdie putts a difficult thing to come by. Surely, Hazeltine has shaken its past history and will be remembered as one of the most challenging layouts in golf.

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The MGCSA tent was worth its weight in touring pros. Rick Fredericksen is to be commended for coordinating the materials and staffing. A number of superintendents, dignitaries and curious sightseers stopped to inquire. I even had one greens chairperson who was willing to purchase the environmental packet.

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The GCSAA reception held in honor of Chris Hague and his staff was held at the Radisson South in Bloomington and was well-attended. Indeed, it was a memorable moment when Steve Cadanelli introduced Chris. The ensuing standing ovation was well-earned. It was a sight this superintendent will never forget.

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Our deepest sympathy goes out to Tom Stelter, whose wife passed away suddenly. Please help Tom in this difficult time by sending him your condolences. Moral support can be such a help, and it reminds us all of the fellowship involved in an association such as ours.

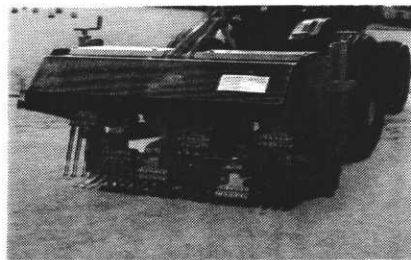
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Thanks go to Cary Femrite for a wonderful outing at Pebble Creek Golf Course, which was in excellent condition. I have heard many positive comments directed towards Cary and his staff.

— John Harris
Editor



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