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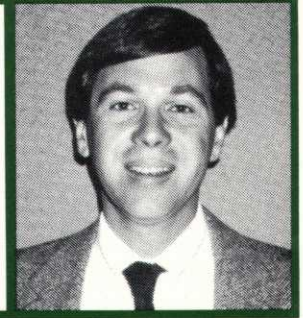
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Extraordinary Problems For Turf Managers



I would like to thank Paul Diegnau for hosting the May Superintendents' meeting. The weather graciously cooperated to create a perfect day with approximately 90 people in attendance.

A note of thanks to Jack Kolb and John Wiley of Turf Supply Company for providing the educational speaker at the meeting in May. The talk on chemical mode of action for various diseases was very informative and a timely subject of interest.

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This spring has produced extraordinary problems for turf managers.

The immediate past two seasons were dry. Courses were forced to recover from harsh winters that resulted in much desiccation. Enormous effort was placed on attempts to regrow grass on tees, greens and fairways. This was coupled with lack of rainfall and less than ideal growing conditions. Unlike the struggle of the previous two years, the spring of 1991 has been indifferent with above average moisture and temperature factors. At times, growth rate of turf dominates the ability to stay ahead with regard to mowing.

With the abundance of precipitation, weed seeds—which previously laid dormant in the soil during drought years—spontaneously germinated this year, especially dandelions. Maintaining the golf course in championship condition can prove challenging.

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The hospitality tent at the U.S. Open will be situated between the clubhouse and first tee. Stop in for refreshments. This tournament will provide an excellent opportunity for the Association to represent our organization.

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The Research Tourney will be held on June 21. A steady stream of applications has been coming in. Be prompt with your entry. For information, call Rick Fredericksen at Woodhill Country Club.

— Tom Fischer
MGCSA President

ABOUT THE COVER

Our cover this month salutes Hazeltine National Golf Club, site of the 1991 U.S. Open June 13-16. Pictured is a view of the 16th hole with Chris Hague, Hazeltine golf course superintendent, in the inset. Please turn to Page 5 for the second of a two-part series on Hague's preparations for the Open by Editor John Harris and to Page 14 for a congratulatory letter from the MGCSA to the Hazeltine superintendent.

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