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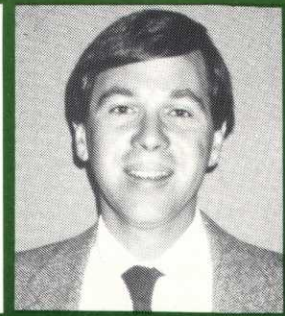
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Our 1991 Season Is Off To A Great Beginning



Our April meeting in Owatonna produced a fantastic turn-out with more than 100 members playing golf and enjoying one another in camaraderie, a much different scene from last year when snowflakes were in the air and five hardy souls ventured out.

Thank you, Randy Nelson and staff, for inviting us to Owatonna Country Club. The golf course was in mid-summer condition.

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**Once again we owe our thanks to Kevin Clunis** who testified on our behalf before a Senate Committee to keep Calo Clor as one of our tools against snow mold. Just recently the House passed a bill banning mercury, although there was no companion bill in the Senate. Recently the Senate heard a bill and tried bringing it to the floor for a vote. However, testimony by Kevin and other industries persuaded the committee to drop the bill until next year.

Should this issue be reviewed in 1992, we may ask individuals to write letters or call upon his/her representative to help support or reject certain legislation. I must make it clear at this time that mercury is not banned from usage on golf course greens and tees. Ultimately, we must prepare for the future in learning to use less.

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**Although this winter was somewhat easier** on our turf than in the past, our Research Committee has been contemplating conducting experiments in conjunction with Dr. Stienstrau and Dr. Larson on ice sheets and why they damage the turf so severely.

They also will attempt to determine if it is better to remove ice after a certain amount of time or remove it immediately. Another aspect of the project is to recognize which protectant covers work the best at shielding the turf from ice and winter dessiccation.

The Research Committee has not viewed the final proposal of this project but anticipates having one in May to be voted on and institutionalized this fall. Our experimental green at the University of Minnesota Golf Course is the proposed site for testing.

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**Greg Hubbard is looking for a few good men** with flow meters on their pump stations to participate in his water use survey. Anyone interested in helping may call Greg at Manitou Ridge (612/777-1436) for the application survey information.

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**Join us May 13** in River Falls for lunch and golf.

— Tom Fischer  
MGCSA President

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