



As I reflect on my accomplishments and failures of 1991, I can't help thinking of all the people involved that made it happen: Superintendents who gave good advice or lent spendy units free of charge (can I keep this?)...loyal staff that put out the same quality product week in and week out, no matter what the conditions or weather...sales personnel who more often than not had to deliver yesterday, and usually did.

Without these people and our association, all efforts to advance my career and make some small contribution to this industry would be all for naught.

I would like to thank Turtinen Communications for producing this newsletter. Their experience and professionalism shines in every issue. It's been a pleasure to work with them.

Scott Austin came through on many occasions with member-generated articles when it looked like we would go without. Thank you, Scott.

Also I can't forget about the guru of shutter speeds, Dale Wysocki. His camera made it to every event and then some, and his handiwork is "photogenetically" recorded in every issue.

One improvement that every editor would like to see, and I am no exception, is an increase in member articles. Take a look at a wide variety of topics you could use to get those creative juices flowing.

The "member article" by Larry Lennert that appears in this issue is strictly a personal observation by one of our members and is a pleasure to read. It tells us a little something about the man and his way of thinking, not to mention rivalries between states.

Lastly, I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve. It has been a wonderful and most rewarding experience to be an elected official of this association.

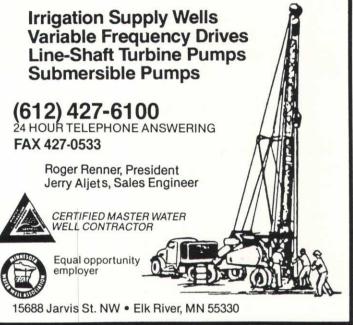
As you know, our annual conference is slated for the 20th-22nd of November at the Northland Inn. The mailing is out, and the deadline for advance registration is November 11.

Don't miss out on a chance to rub elbows with other members and get re-acquainted. Shane Andrews has been hard at it and has an impressive lineup of speakers covering a variety of topics, current with today's concerns on golf course operations. In addition, don't forget to treat yourself to an evening with Alex Cole. His stand-up routine is very entertaining. Hope to see you all there.





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