

EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris
The Lafayette Club



September, like much of the season, has seen an above average rainfall and is raising havoc with our Fall maintenance practices. Cores from the aerifiers never seem to dry and produce less than the desired results in the short run.

Leaf removal becomes difficult as all debris seems to mat in place. Carts have been restricted which creates lost revenue to your club in a year where consumer spending is already low.

All and all I have seen and heard many favorable comments about playing conditions throughout the state.

This goes to show that superintendents in our association and elsewhere bend with the weather patterns. They pay close attention to their particular microclimate, adjust accordingly and produce a superior product even in a difficult year.

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Bob Mugaas contacted my office to bring me up to date on the future of his extension service. The commissioner has reinstated their department and accepted a budget in principal for 1992. Bob graciously thanks those of you that phoned or wrote to the county commissioner's office lending support for this vital link to the University of Minnesota agricultural department.

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Dale Wysocki has proposed an increase in monthly meeting fees to help beef up the scholarship fund. The board approved his proposal and will be implemented at the Hastings meeting. With the rising costs of tuition, books and living expenses, it would seem apparent to keep our scholarship fund in focus with the times.

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The GCSAA has asked our help (and the help of all chapters) to support its membership drive. For those of you that do not have a membership with the national — for whatever reason — speak with someone who does. That person has a number of mailings (brochures) outlining the benefits of belonging to this organization. I think you will find it within your means to join and certainly "what you see is what you get...and get...and get..."

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Hope to see you at Hastings, weather permitting, it should be one of those rare colorful outings that seem to be all too few.

—John Harris
Editor



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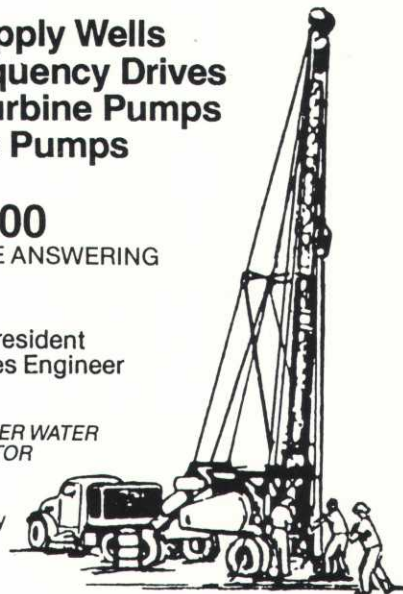
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