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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Environmental Committee Represents Our Association Well in Many Ways



The MGCSA was represented by Scott Austin, Environmental Committee Chairman, and Kevin Clunis, past chairman at the Minnesota Legislature during the reading and taking of testimony concerning a proposed pesticide bill.

The legislation addressed pre-notification and posting before pesticide application. The bill is sponsored by Senator John Marty of Roseville and was originally part of the groundwater bill in 1988. Prior discussion between Scott and Senator Marty helped inform the senator about concerns our association would have.

Scott also testified at the committee hearing on the proposed legislation. At the conclusion of the hearings the bill was tabled, but it read that pesticide application on golf courses must be posted on the first and tenth tee and in the clubhouse. It is still possible this bill could be brought up again in this session, but it is more likely to be brought up in the next session.

The Environmental Committee and its chairman have certainly had an important role in our association and will continue to do so. They were instrumental in assembling and distribution of the Compliance Guide and have been called on to testify in front of legislative committees twice and the St. Paul Task Force.

Questions concerning the Colochor issue continue to come in. There will be no "grandfathering in" of unused Colochor. What Colochor you may have in stock should be used according to label directions prior to July 1, 1994. After this date, if the supplier will not take it back, the product will have to be treated as a hazardous waste.

This past winter has provided many unintentional test indicators for superintendents to observe treatments for snow mold. While research for a comparable alternative for Colochor continues, it will be difficult to find a fungicide that will give season-long control for winters such as this one.

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Cliff Reynolds and Lake City host our first golf meeting for 1992.

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The GCSAA extended the deadline for the Legacy Award application to May 15th, 1992. People interested can contact the GCSAA at 913/841-2240.

—Rick Fredericksen, CGCS
MGCSA President

ABOUT THE COVER

Pictured on this month's cover are some of the superintendents and associates who participated in the MGCSA's hockey competition at Augsburg College this past winter. But now, with the arrival of Spring, it's time to tuck the hockey sticks aside and switch to your favorite golf clubs.

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