

# EDITOR'S CORNER

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Here it is the Fourth of July. I am waiting for dusk so the family and myself can go out and enjoy our nation's 216th birthday and the spectacular fireworks. As we check our supplies, I find no Minnesota state bird repellent, and a thermos with hot water for tea. What's wrong with this picture? This year we have seen some of the strangest weather ever, we talk of a devastating frost that destroyed many hundreds of acres of corn and soybeans on Father's Day, but what about our comrades in the northern portion of Minnesota and Wisconsin? Soil temperatures must warm for fine turfgrass to grow, and the temps up north are not getting too warm. Remember, however, all things even out.

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**Have you ever seen a Golf Course Manager just give 50% or 80% of themselves?** I never met a single Golf Course Manager who gives no less than 100% of themselves. Why is that? Could it be that our feeling of Pride in our golf courses? Could it be the satisfaction of really being able to see the Results from our Leadership? Is it the love of being outdoors, being able to see and listen to a Yellow-headed Blackbird around our water hazards? When 5.50" of rain should fall from the skies, whose going to be there manning trash pumps, assessing the damage from the sudden sky burst? A Golf Course Manager never gives up the ship. Regardless of what is ahead, today's Golf Course Manager will be on the scene.

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**Congratulations to Rick Smith,** the new Golf Course Manager at Owatonna Brooktree Golf Course.

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**LeSueur Country Club is pleased to appoint Rick Hoffman** as its new Golf Course Manager.

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**In a recent discussion with some close personal friends,** the subject focused on being a certified pesticide applicator, and there are many varied ideas about this. So, in order to either add to the confusion or just maybe I might be able to clear something up, here are some thoughts.

If you should use a **RESTRICTED USE** pesticide, you have to have a **CERTIFIED APPLICATOR'S LICENSE**. A vendor cannot sell you a restricted use pesticide unless you have a license.

As we enter the '90s, we have to be aware that we are being observed on how we treat the environment. Part of being responsible to the environment is making sure that the person or persons applying plant protectants are Certified Applicators. Remember, should there ever be an environmental

accident around your facility, the buck is going to eventually stop at your office door. Please consider what is at stake if you should make the decision not to get a Certified Applicator's license for yourself or for the person doing the application.

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**The members of the MGCSA** would like to thank MTI Distributing and Par Aide Golf Products Co. for providing the complimentary beverages at Tartan Park.

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**Soon the early hours of the mornings are going to echo** with a sound of machinery that has only been heard once this year, the sound of aerifiers doing their thing. That sound to many people is the sound that indicates golf in Minnesota is coming to an end. But, autumn is a glorious time of year. We are able to look at what was accomplished during the season, look at the goals that we set earlier in the year and look to see what changes are necessary regarding our turfgrass. Don't forget to notice the colors every year there are new colors that stand out for us to notice.

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**Once again I wish to thank all the Associate Members** who help make *Hole Notes* possible. Associate Members offer more than just merchandise to make our golf courses a nicer facility.

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