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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Looking Ahead To 1993



**In a short four years** I've made the transition from the back page of this fine publication as editor to the front page as President of our Association. During this time I've seen our Association go through many changes. We've added a new Executive Director, enlarged our annual conference and trade show, established an environmental guidelines book and immensely improved our scholarship program. *Hole Notes* has also seen a dramatic change over this period. During the next year I hope to return the confidence the membership has expressed in me by continuing our ever-broadening efforts to serve our membership as well as the golf industry. Remember though, that such progress relies upon the membership. Please let me now of any new ideas or old problems that you may have. An association is only as strong as its members, so please participate.

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**Our journey through 1993** begins with two important issues. First, we will investigate our participation in a proposed Minnesota Turf Foundation under the guidance of Brad Petersen of the University of Minnesota. As stated at our last conference, this group, composed of leaders in the turfgrass management field, will explore common ground for responding to the environmental and regulatory issues of the day. It may also explore the establishment of a common conference and trade show to expand the educational opportunities of our membership. As leaders in the turfgrass industry, we chose to become involved with this evolution. Please contact Joe Moris or myself with your comments about this endeavor.

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**Participation in this foundation** is underscored by our second important issue at this time—pesticide application notification practices. We are currently responding, along with these same turfgrass organizations, to a request by the State of Minnesota for further information on our current notification practices. As evidenced by other states, further tightening of pre-application and post-application signing procedures may result. This response again continues our efforts to be a proactive rather than reactive organization in dealing with today's environmental issues. Contact Kevin Clunis or myself with your comments.

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**I would like to welcome** Tim Commers, Cary Femrite, Dick Grundstrom, John Harris, Tom Kientzle and Norma O'Leary to our Board of Directors. These people, along with our carryover Board members, are the key to new ideas and future success in our Association, and I'm looking forward to working with them in the coming year. Our heartfelt thanks go to retiring Board members Tom Fischer, Doug Mahal, Shane Andrews, Scott Austin, Dan Miller, Mike Olson and Dale Wysocki for their service and devotion to their profession. A special thanks is extended to Past President Rick Fredericksen for his outstanding effort over the past year. We owe these people a debt of gratitude for their fine work in the past.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris  
Lafayette Club



First of all, I would like to thank our president, Greg Hubbard, for the appointment as *Hole Notes* editor. It seems like yesterday that I last wrote an editorial. With this in mind, I feel right at home, a little older and hopefully wiser. I think we all owe Dale Wysocki a debt of gratitude for the fine work he has done with this past year's publications. They were informative, addressed the issues and sometimes humorous. I hope to carry this into the '93 season.

I will need your help. If you have a tidbit of information or a good story up your sleeve, pick up the phone and call yours truly, whether it be a piece of legislation that affects us or a new infant in the household.

**Some of you have expressed an interest** in a structure change on payments to the monthly meetings due to your golf club and individual accounting procedures. The arrangements chair is going to offer an annual fee for all regular monthly meetings. This should help reduce confusion for pre-registration such as "the check is in the mail."

**The MGCSA Annual Conference was a success**, in large part due to the diligent work of Shane Andrews, CGCS. I have heard many positive comments on some of the format changes. Other changes were not as well-received and will be looked at closely by the Conference and Education Committee.

**Special thanks go out** to (in alphabetical order) Cushman Motors, Leitner Co., MTI, North Star Turf and Par Aide Corporation for supporting the Thursday Evening hospitality room. The nostalgia and camaraderie was well-received by all. We will be sure to ask them to do it again next year.

**Also special thanks go to the Leitner Company and Polfus Implement.** Leitner donated the notebooks and calendars that many of us use and probably adorn our office wall. Polfus donated the bag tags that I hope to see on everyone's bag. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund, and they are much appreciated.

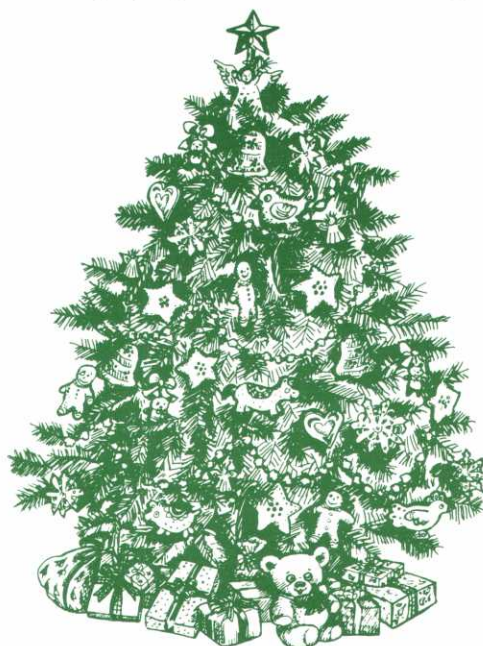
**The GCSAA National Convention** is fast approaching. For those of you that have not attended in the past, this could be your year to start. The educational opportunities are always there and growing to accommodate the issues that face Superintendents today.

Once again, it's nice to be back in the saddle, and I hope to get your input on upcoming issues. It's important that you contribute to the content of this newsletter. It's a direct reflection on you and our profession.

— John Harris  
Editor



## Happy Holidays



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**Our next meeting**, featuring winter sports activities, will be hosted by Steve Schumacher at Izaty's on January 11. We will also caucus as members of GCSAA and discuss the proposed bylaw changes which will be voted on in Anaheim during convention week. Look for further information soon, and plan on attending this fun, event filled day.

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**Best wishes** for a happy and safe holiday season!

—Greg Hubbard