

EDITOR'S CORNER

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playing field will be set at 132 members of the MGCSA, so when you get your form, please send it in quickly. The date for the MGCSA Amateur Championship is Monday, August 17. John Nylund of Braemar Golf Club is the defending champion.

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Look for updates for your Environmental Handbook to be sent upon receipt of your 1992 MGCSA dues.

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Did you happen to see the May/June issue of the *USGA Green Section Record*? First there is an excellent article written by Robert C. Vavrek, Jr., agronomist with the Great Lakes Region of the USGA Green Section, about the use of "Curlex Greensavers" with a photograph of Edina Country Club's Professional Golf Course Superintendent Bill Johnson.

Then on the following page is a photograph of MGCSA President Rick Fredericksen, CGCS presenting a check to Jim Snow, National Director and Chairman of the USGA Turfgrass Research Committee. This is what you would call part of our national reputation for being leaders in the golf course industry. The MGCSA is constantly being recognized as an organization on the move.

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Maybe this is just one of those things you can only blame on "El Nino" but, snow on Memorial Day is getting a little carried away, and then putting through one inch of the white stuff made me think of making little skis for the golf ball.

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With the summer solstice already passed, what are you doing to keep yourself from "burning out"? Remember to spend some time relaxing. Try walking your golf course in the morning instead of riding it. Also, don't forget about your families. Children are only young once and they do grow up fast. If you can give some good quality time to your family, the return on it is priceless.

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Dr. James B. Beard has retired from Texas A&M University after 35 years of public service in turfgrass research and teaching. Dr. Beard plans to continue his full-time involvement with the turfgrass industry.

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The MGCSA wishes to thank Turf Supply Co. and North Star Turf for the complimentary beverage cart at the June meeting in Faribault.

It's only July but Shane Andrews has been a very busy person organizing speakers for the MGCSA's Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show. Shane has been able to secure Dr. Joe Vargas of Michigan State and Dr. John Roberts of the University of New Hampshire. With these two speakers secured it appears that the annual turfgrass conference will be a very well-attended event. The dates for the conference are November 18, 19 and 20. If you have any subjects that you think are of interest to the MGCSA, please let anyone from the Conference and Education Committee know.

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From time to time, do we as Professional Golf Course Managers stop to thank the people who work along side of us keeping our golf courses in impeccable condition? Our support staff, where would we be without them? These are the people who are there when we need them; they are people who are extremely attentive to the needs of the golf course; they are people who sometimes go unnoticed during the course of the day. Remember a kind word—a word of encouragement—goes a long way.

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Congratulations to Dan and Debbie Mickelson, proud parents of Tyler Daniel, born on June 7 at 3:58 p.m. Dan is the Chief Mechanic at Oak Ridge Country Club.

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A reminder that to qualify for Petro-Fund reimbursement, your UST must be registered with the MPCA. Also there have been changes in how you can apply for reimbursement. For further information call the Department of Commerce at 297-4017.

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How does the membership feel about how the MGCSA is being run? How does the membership feel about *HOLE NOTES*? As a Board member, I am curious as to how you feel about the organization. Are we doing enough for the membership? Are we doing a good job? And if we are doing a good job, have you told a board member that there is an item that you're pleased with? With the '90s being a service-oriented decade, we as board members would like to know what we can do to make the association better and stronger, but we do need your input.

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Plans are now being made for the MGCSA Amateur Championship at Midland Hills Country Club. Scott Austin, CGCS, has told me that the course will be in excellent

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