

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Faribault Golf & Country Club



Recently I had the opportunity to tour the Willinger's Golf Club just west of Northfield on State Hwy. 19. The golf course is definitely going to be a challenge, and Superintendent Randy Nelson has done a fantastic job of bringing this golf course in. Randy and Assistant Superintendent Gene Griffith were presented with a monumental task of grassing this fine facility with all the rolling hills and swales, and with water on 14 of the 18 holes. My favorite hole is the 18th, a 530-yard, par 5 with an elevated tee looking down to a nice landing area guarded with bunkers. Then your second shot lands in an area that has water and a bunker on your left plus you still have 75 yards to get to the green. I hope my "cut" shot does not decide to go straight, or my ball will end up in the ranks of the experienced golf balls, 88 cents each!

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Does anyone know what happened to the month of April? It appears to me that March was followed by March. I can't get over the idea of cutting greens on the 24th of April with snow flurries in the air, then on May 1st (one week later) it's 89° outside. Only in Minnesota!

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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE pre-register for monthly meetings. It is the policy of the MGCSA that registration over the telephone will no longer be accepted. On the other hand we will be sending the monthly meeting notice out in *Hole Notes*. This way, you will have it in your possession 30 days before the next meeting.

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Any time when attending a green committee meeting how do you relay your messages across to committee members? Is your message relayed in a clear and concise manner or is it just grumbled in a way that only you know what you're talking about. Being professional consists of many facets. Communication is a very important asset. Being able to communicate successfully is an ability that all Golf Course Superintendents have to master.

Just what does Professional Golf Course Superintendent mean? Outwardly appearances are important, everything from how we address golfing members to what happens when your irrigation pump decides enough is enough on the hottest day of the year. Today's Golf Course Superintendent is under more scrutiny than ever before. Golfers expect more in terms of more ideal playing conditions and as we give the golfers more we find that we are able to do more. We expand our horizons and arise to accept a new challenge. We also find that we have to be more aware of the environment around us. Nature is a living being that I think all Superintendents respect and cherish. Otherwise we would not be doing what we so love. After six

months of being cooped-up in a maintenance facility, it is a reward to rise with the sun.

A Professional Golf Course Superintendent is a person who is trying to delicately balance nature on one hand and yet be able to manage a crew of several people and a never-ending stream of new paperwork, keep the club's investments always running smooth and looking new, and always being proficient at keeping 300+ bosses happy after an enjoyable round of golf. Regardless of what club we are at, we all have the same goals, striving to excel, striving to be the best, striving to keep at peace with nature.

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A very special thank-you to Cushman Motor Company for providing the members of the MGCSA with complimentary beverages during golf at Braemar.

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Congratulations to Scott Austin of Midland Hills C.C. for recently completing all the rigorous steps needed to become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

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Tim Killen called me the other day to apologize for accidentally forgetting about the May meeting at Braemar Golf Club. Sustane is in the process of moving its plant, and amid all the hub-bub that goes with moving and getting organized, somewhere he had mislaid the book that said Sustane was a co-sponsor along with E.S. Dygert and Cushman Motor Co. He guaranteed me that Sustane will be making it up to the MGCSA. Look for Sustane to sponsor another meeting later in the year.

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Polfus Implement is pleased to announce the 4th annual John Deere Team Championship Tournament. This year's tournament is going to be held at the New Richmond Golf Club in New Richmond, Wisconsin on Monday, July 27.

Please contact Mark Reuter or Bob Frank at (715) 246-6565 for registration information.

— Dale Wysocki
Editor

1992 MGCSA Meeting Locations, Events, Sponsors

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	SPONSORS
June 8	Faribault CC	Golf & Lunch	North Star Turf Turf Supply Co.
July 13	Tartan Park	Garske Scramble	MTI Distributing Par Aide
August 17	Midland Hills	MGCSA Champ.	Long Lake Tractor RW Golf Cars
September 14	Wayzata CC Rolling Greens	Stodola Scramble	None
October 12	Island View Golf	Golf & Lunch	Polfus Implement