

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Where does professionalism start? Does it start when you enter your vehicle and arrive at your place of employment? Does it start at the MGCSA's Annual Turf Conference and Show? On November 18th, let's make sure that professionalism takes place at the Northland Inn and Conference Center. A suit and tie is strongly recommended as appropriate dress. The Conference and Education Committee has done a fantastic job rounding out the Educational part of the Conference. So, when the speakers are explaining ways to make our jobs easier, please listen to what they have to say. You might find a new and exciting way to manage your golf course.

A passing note to all CGCSers, at the end of the Conference there will be a test for you to take. When you pass the test, you will be given credit for .5 DEUs, towards your recertification with the GCSAA.

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When I heard the sounding of the "S" word in the weather forecast, it made me think of last year and not having my winter patch disease fungicides down or final application of topdressing on. What's the weather going to do this month? I don't think there is anyone around who can tell exactly what's going to happen from one day to the next, but that doesn't mean that I'm not glued to the forecast at 6 p.m. or 10 p.m. This year every golf course around will be put to bed long before the first permanent snowfall.

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What will I remember about 1992? The cooperation received from the members of the MGCSA when soliciting articles, the Board's input on *Hole Notes*, a sunny afternoon in September with my T-Line Chipper and the sixth hole at the Lafayette Club, never putting your thumb between two four-foot pipe wrenches going opposite directions at high velocity, breaking ninety, the GCSAA's response to the KARE-11 newscast, the very positive attitudes that all Golf Course Managers have, the preparation that all MGCSA monthly meeting host Golf Course Managers go through in order to host a monthly meeting.

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In case you are wondering, this is my final installment as Editor, and it has been a busy year although I don't think I lost anything off the top of my head. I can't afford to anyhow. We, as Golf Course Managers, are a unique breed, we are Environmentalists, we understand that everyone who plays our facilities mows their yards at 5/32" or shorter, It's Always Greener On The Other Side Of The Fence Country Club down the road has greens that are always stimping at 192" and their main-

tenance budget is slightly less than a dollar eighty. Why do we do it? Well, someone has to! But, look at the enjoyment that we reap. Sometimes it is such a good feeling to go out for a course tour the day before the "Big Event." It's enjoyable to entertain a couple close personal friends on a Wednesday afternoon. Once a month you can get together with 70 or 80 good friends and hash out the last month's events. That's what is great about the MGCSA. You're never more than a phone call away from some type of help, be it a fellow Golf Course Manager or an Associate who can get you the latest on equipment or plant protectants. The MGCSA is there to help the members. The idea of member involvement is not new, but member involvement is necessary to make the MGCSA bigger and most certainly better. You will know when the time comes to get involved, because it will be a subject or idea that you really believe in.

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Congratulations to Jeffrey and Susie Churchill with the addition to their family, Spencer Claire.

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Thanks to all Associate Members who contribute to the betterment of the MGCSA.

— Dale Wysocki
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