

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Once again it seems that the question I hear most often is "When is *Hole Notes* coming out?" This question comes mainly from the members on the East Side of St. Paul. *Hole Notes* is mailed out Second Class and in four bags with the zip code prefixes 550, 551, 544 and out-state. It is not unusual to hear that Rochester and Mankato have received their *Hole Notes* before the East Side of St. Paul (551). The solution to the problem? Mention to your local postmaster that there is a problem with delivery and ask him/her to possibly investigate the situation.

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A couple of items that came out of the MGCSA Amateur Championship at Midland Hills Country Club. Due to a scorer's error Tom Kientzle of The Pines at Grand View Lodge is the winner of the First Flight. Jim Manthis, the PGA Professional at Midland, notified me of the error and has gone to the extent of sending a gift certificate to Tom. Jim is a fine gentleman and a true professional in every sense of the word.

Accidentally, I had forgotten to thank R&W Golf and Utility Vehicles for providing the beverage cart at Midland Hills. Thanks to Bruce Spiers for supplying the complimentary beverages; they were very much appreciated.

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With the Annual Meeting approaching fast, it's time to mention some of the changes coming. On Wednesday, November 18, there will be an awards luncheon, scholarship recipients will be recognized, the James R. Watson Award for journalism will be handed out and the Distinguished Service Awards will be presented.

The Annual Banquet will have the K-FAN man, Minnesota's answer to Peter Jacobsen, none other than **Guy Green**, with his partner **Greg Harrington** and their own special brand of comedy. Guy is probably the only entertainer who can really relate to the jobs that we possess.

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A close acquaintance wanted to know why I refer to Golf Course Superintendents as Golf Course Managers? The jobs we do, regardless of what golf course we are at, is that of a manager; we practice Intelligent Plant Management, Fiscal Management, Personnel Management, Irrigation Management; basically everything we do is manage. Granted, a lot of us practice with "hands on" management, but it is still managing. Sooner or later we all will be recognized as Golf Course Managers. However, it will be up to us as individuals to show to the golfing public that we are true professionals.

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When checking your mailbox, make sure that the DONATION REQUEST to the MGCSA RESEARCH FUND gets sent to your club's Board of Directors. With the expiration of

mercurial-type fungicides rapidly approaching, it makes sense to help contribute to find a substitute for winter patch diseases.

Part of this donation also goes to the Baker Park Leachate Study. Please make sure that the DONATION REQUEST get the proper attention.

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What will you remember the most about the summer of 1992? Will it be the cool temperatures, lack of summer disease pressure, frost on Father's Day, snow on Memorial Day? The summer of 1992 will be remembered as a year when all Golf Course Managers did their jobs extremely well, especially with a little help from Mother Nature.

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What is success? When do you know you have achieved success? We are all successful! Look at the conditions of our golf courses. Baron Pierre de Coubertin stated that, "Success is not a goal, but a means to aiming higher still." The 1992 golf season is almost over and some are making plans not just for 1993, but 1994 and 1995. Every year we set goals and surpass the goals we set, then again we set goals and surpass them. Constantly we are always aiming higher. Remember, effort is the greatest joy.

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