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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It Was A Very Cool Summer of '92



At the time of this writing the "Summer of 92" is going to go down as the coolest on record. However, Mother Nature has a way of evening things out over time. It was only four short years ago that the summer of '88 had a record 44 days in the 90 degree temperature range. From drought to flash floods to above record rainfall, it is a matter of the golf course superintendent and his staff being prepared. This is not only dealing with what nature presents us but also being prepared to respond appropriately to questions from our golfing membership or the press. It is important to convey the message of the benefits a healthy turfgrass represents. Health and environmental concerns are going to continue to be a major emphasis in our day-to-day role as managers of golf courses. Staying abreast in education and training for the superintendent and the staff will be vital to ensure that pesticides and fertilizers are handled and applied properly and also to ensure the future use of them.

On a related issue, the GCSAA has withdrawn funding from the USGA Research enabling the association to fund more research of its own. The major focus of the research the GCSAA plans on places an emphasis on examining people who have been applying pesticides. The purpose is to study any possible side effects to long term exposure to pesticides.

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Scott Austin, his assistant Eric Peterson, and the green staff at Midland Hills Country Club went all out to provide a beautiful test of golf for the MGCSA Championship. On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank them for their help and the club's membership for allowing us to host it at Midland Hills. Pete Mogren won this year's championship with a well-deserved 76.

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A reminder that all members who have paid their dues for 1992-93 should have the Environmental Guideline updates. If your dues are current and you have not yet received one, contact Scott at the Association office.

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The Harold Stodola Research Scramble is being hosted this year at Rolling Green Country Club and Wayzata Country Club. The format this year is the same as last year with a 12:00 noon shotgun start at both clubs, and with dinner and awards at Wayzata Country Club. Required at both clubs is proper golf attire, and a jacket and tie for dinner.

—Rick Fredericksen, CGCS
MGCSA President



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