

## EDITOR'S CORNER

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By now most of you have opened your facilities and are well into spring clean-up and tidying up any loose ends of last fall. I wasn't quite sure if the seasons were ever going to shift gears with the sub-zero weather we experienced in March.

In retrospect, the month of March 'twas the season for an education. The Pesticide Application re-certification held at the Northland Inn was attended by 272 members. I would like to thank Wayne Daly and his staff for making this program available to the M.G.C.S.A. on an annual basis. It is a convenient and timely method for us to obtain re-certification of our pesticide applicators' licenses.

Robert Muir Graves and Geoffrey S. Cornish made an appearance the following week to present their ever-popular "Golf Course Design Principles." Bob had the first day on his own as Cornish got hung up on the East Coast by the storm of the century.

The U.S.G.A. put on a seminar at the Town & Country Club. Host Superintendent Bill Larson along with the clubhouse staff are to be commended for a relaxing atmosphere and fine luncheon.

The agenda included a little of everything from turf tips to golf club research. If I understand the research that's being done in Far Hills, New Jersey on clubs and balls correctly, I should probably invest in a new set of woods and stop paying so much attention to compression in balls.

At this writing the Spray Tech Seminar at Midland Hills, Host Superintendent Scott Austin, is yet to be held. Be sure to drill those that attended for what is sure to be some valuable information.

The Baker Park Leachate study is in and will be presented in a two-part series beginning with this issue of *Hole Notes*. Read it carefully and wait for the follow up in the May issue to get all the facts.

My apologies to Bill Johnson and Paul Mayes for not reporting their successes at the G.C.S.A.A. Championship held in San Diego. Bill was runner-up in the Senior Flight with scores of 79-78 while Paul roughed it out in the first flight placing 8th with scores of 82-76.

As you know, our April Meeting site is at the Mankato Golf Club. Our hosts, Fred Taylor and the soon-to-be-retired "Boots" Fuller, will prepare a fun-filled afternoon complete with a swap meet and retirement banquet in Mr. Fuller's honor. I know this is a busy time of year for everyone. However, with the opportunity to buy and sell a few items for or from your facility along with the celebration of a long term professional within our association deems extra special attention.

I hope to see you there and until next month, goodbye snow mold, hello dollar spot.

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