

EDITOR'S CORNER

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It is that time of year again, and I am sure most of you are making final preparations for the upcoming season. I anticipate that you all will be as successful as last year's *Hole Notes*. This publication was runner-up in its division at the national GCSAA competition of Chapter Newsletters.

I have never seen anyone attack this newsletter with the vigor that Dale Wysocki showed. We all owe him our gratitude.

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The Board of Directors has made a flyer available for those of you who wish to purchase a season pass to our regular monthly meetings. Some of you have expressed an interest in this procedure because of the nature of your billing practices. It now is available to you.

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The January meeting at Izaty's was low on attendance but apparently high on spirit. I personally did not attend, but my understanding is that we all missed out. Judging from the photos that Tom Kientzle took, the fishing wasn't too bad.

Our President also held a caucus at the lodge and at the Candy Cane Inn in Anaheim to "feel out" the membership on the now-defunct bylaws changes proposed by the GCSAA Board of Directors.

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I would like to thank Bill Larson and Mike Leitner for organizing an impromptu outing at Lutsen Lodge. A group of 20 sledders and downhill skiers enjoy a two-or-more-nights stay at the Village Inn. The snow conditions were very good, and the only casualty was Grant Wenkster, who had a close encounter with a tree. The outing as a whole was very successful, and it is hoped that it will become an annual event.

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March is Spring tune-up time for the mind. You should have received notice of the Pesticide Seminar to be held on March 10 at the Northland Inn. Those of you with current pesticide application licenses will be eligible for recertification at this time.

In addition, GCSAA will offer its Golf Course Design Principles Seminar on March 15-16 at the Northland Inn. At the time of this writing, there were still a few seats left.

Last but not least, the Spring Technician Seminar will be hosted by Midland Hills Country Club on March 30. This is an excellent opportunity for a member of your staff to receive first-rate training on pesticide application techniques.

So much has happened in the past few months that I have taken the liberty of writing an additional article surrounding the events and challenges that face us. It appears in this issue.

I know that you have exciting challenges and/or experiences, and are anxious to get them on paper and rush them (next day air) to our publication office. It's important that we hear from our members, who can add considerably to the reality of maintaining golf courses in Minnesota by submitting articles for our publication.



Superintendents "schüss" downhill at Lutsen.

USGA Green Section Great Lakes Region 1993 Regional Conferences

March 11, 1993

WESTMOOR COUNTRY CLUB
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

March 18, 1993

TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m. **PROGRAM:** 8:45 - 4:30
(A complete program will be mailed to MGCSA Members)

Tentative List of Subjects

Life After Mercury

A golf course superintendent's report from New York

Research Reports from the USGA Projects
on Turfgrass and the Environment

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The Americans With Disabilities Act

New USGA Recommendations for Green Construction
Risks and Prevention of Skin Cancer

Evaluating and Regulating Golf Equipment by the USGA

Misconceptions Regarding the Rules of Golf

Vavrek's Great Lakes Year in Review

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