

# EDITOR'S CORNER

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Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Diane DeSplinter and her family for their recent loss. Dick DeSplinter died of cancer on May 9.

As many of you know, Dick was the President of our association in 1980, and his contributions left a lasting impression on many of us. We will miss him dearly.

In 1980 I was brand new to golf course maintenance in Minnesota. I looked up to Dick as a successful superintendent, and I thought, with some hard work, I could be in the same position.

Some of you, I am sure, worked side-by-side with Dick, and I would appreciate a phone call volunteering your time to write a short description on the impression he left with you.

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**There is new life among us.** Dale Wysocki of Faribault Golf & Country Club, is the proud father of a baby boy. Mom and son are doing fine; we are not sure about Dale. Congratulations are in order along with a wish for lots of luck. (At six months he probably will do all the talking.)

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**As usual, the weather has not been cooperating** with our monthly meetings. Let's face it. May, in general, is just cool and wet. The event at Fox Hollow, of course, was rained out. All the same, we extend our gratitude to Doug Dieter and his staff for making the most of a bad weather situation.

They have a beautiful facility, and you could see the effort the grounds staff was putting out to get ready for us, even in the rain. It had to be disappointing for them.

I can speak from experience as our parking lot construction continues to stagnate due to weather delays.

Weed control, cultural practices, cutting and rained-out

tournaments have been a problem for all of us. Timing is becoming a real issue to many as "windows" come and go. Additional pressure to tidy up Spring jobs all the way into June is not an attractive alternative. But what's a Mother to do?

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**At the May Board meeting** it was noted that there are approximately 400 golf courses in the State of Minnesota. About 300 of these are members of the MGCSA. If any of you know people at one of these non-member courses, give them a call and find out why they are not members. . . and what we can do to get them to sign on.

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**The Environmental Committee has its updates** for the MGCSA Environmental Handbook completed, and you should have received yours with your dues statements. If you didn't, be sure to call Scott or Jeff Turtinen at the MGCSA office.

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**The June meeting will be held at The Lafayette Club on June 14.** If any of you are interested in bringing a boat, the North Arm boat ramp would be your best bet. Crystal Bay is just under the bridge from the launch and due east around Bohns Point, across the bay, around the driving range point and our docks—21 slips strong.

Follow the cart path to the clubhouse. I am requesting the first tow behind any boat with a rope. Fishing should be good. The bass are always fun to catch, and they should be biting. . . not to mention there is a golf course to play.

Lafayette is short but well-bunkered. Be sure to practice your pitch-and-run and leave your driver in your bag.

See you all at the June 14 meeting.

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