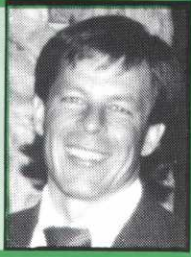


EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris
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In my editorial in the April issue of *Hole Notes*, I predicted that most of us would be open by the time you received your copy of this publication. Well, might I say "April Fool." If there was a positive side to the coolish (sometimes snowing) weather pattern, I'm sure fuel consumption was down at your facility.

Many of us have experienced poor results with winter protectants on certain areas of our golf courses. Dale Wysocki is collecting information in regard to this matter, and he has a special memo for the membership that appears in this issue. Be sure to read it and send him your "tired, your poor and your hungry." As the mercury deadline draws near, additional knowledge on what works and what does not will be important to all.

At Lafayette most of our winter kill came in the form of snow mold in poor-draining areas of our fairways. Our 4th fairway looks as though we did nothing to treat it last fall. Also, our topdressing cover on two of our greens accumulated in the low areas, and the end result looks like crown hydration or simply cold temperature kill. I have not had a great deal of success this Spring, and our April weather pattern has only complicated our present situation.

It's times like these when you must bite your lower lip and apply every bit of knowledge, energy and consultation with your peers. Lift yourself back into the saddle and, as my ground staff would put it, "Let's rock."

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The Conference and Education Committee, chaired by Bill Whitworth, CGCS, has recommended to the Board that we take our Annual Conference to downtown Minneapolis. The committee felt a move now to the Minneapolis Convention Center would benefit our Conference and the membership in many ways.

An article by Butch Greeninger in this issue details the committee's interest. Although there was some disagreement among Board members on the matter, we, as professionals, should look at this objectively. Bill and his committee have studied this matter very carefully, have used your input and certainly will accept any future input, both pro and con, to make this a successful event.

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In the past we have received requests from outside sources concerning the possibility of receiving *Hole Notes*. Therefore, we are going to begin selling subscriptions to non-members. I felt this is a good opportunity to promote our association to so-called "Friends of Superintendents." This will give them better insight on what we're about, and

what we, as professionals, are doing to promote the game of golf and preserve our environment.

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Last but by no means least, our monthly meeting in Mankato was met with an all-day rain. However, "Boots" Fuller was honored that day for his long and outstanding service with that club and his contributions to the MGCSA.

At the Mankato meeting, Boots expanded on his life and times, and his recent bout with cancer in a short acceptance speech. (See Fred Taylor's excellent interview with Boots in this issue.) We all wish the best of everything to Boots.

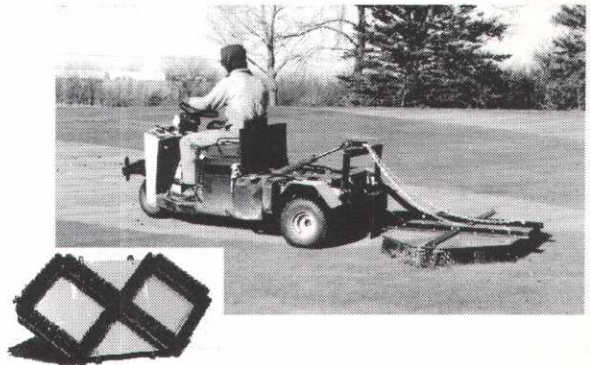
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See you all at Fox Hollow on May 10.

— John Harris, Editor



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