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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Trick Or Treat



As previously reported, we are closely tracking the progress of the recently proposed pesticide/fertilizer ordinance in Minneapolis. This ordinance includes limits on phosphorus, pesticide application notices and limitations on fertilizer use next to waterways. We are following this because it may become a model ordinance among municipalities in the state and could possibly affect all members.

We have testified in public hearings, letting our views be known in an attempt to more fully educate our public officials on these matters. Final determination is slated for the first part of November. Let me thank both Doug Mahal and Minikahda Club for actively participating in this issue and Kevin Clunis for his help in coordinating our response.

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With our Turf Conference/Annual Meeting approaching, please be advised that advance copies of both our year-end financial report and annual committee reports are available from our office. They will also, as always, be available at the Annual Meeting. Take some time and review these reports beforehand. We will be prepared for questions and comments at our meetings.

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Be aware that some of our member clubs have suffered robberies within the past year. Generally, the pro shop staff is distracted in some fashion while an attempt is made to pilfer cash drawers and safes.

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Finally this column represents my last active participation in *Hole Notes*. From a short five years ago as this publication's editor to my closing days as president, I hopefully have provided insight and kept the membership informed on the issues of the day. My thanks go to Turtinen Communications for their understanding when I've missed deadlines and submitted crummy copy.

Thanks also to my Board of Directors who have helped keep this association strong and vigorous. And thanks to my mentors, my own golf course staff, and you, the members of MGCSA, who have all made this wonderful experience so memorable.

—Greg Hubbard, CGCS
President



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