

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Lafayette Club



The drive to Eau Claire for the October MGCSA meeting was made to order by John Granholt, head superintendent at Eau Claire Golf & Country Club.

The rolling hills, the oaks and maples draped in full color, the occasional dairy farm and the morning frost giving way to blue skies and temps in the 60s had a very soothing effect on the mind and soul. (In fact, I almost missed my exit.)

Eau Claire Golf & Country Club typified the day. John and his staff had the golf course in prime condition for a splendid afternoon. All other outings that were missed due to weather faded in the memory banks.

John had five holes of his golf course under water this season, yet little evidence remained of the deluge that was encountered. Congratulations, John, on a fine job, and whomever you're talking to upstairs, let us in on it, okay?

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Our Annual Conference is about here, and the new downtown location opens this session to a whole new realm of possibilities.

The potential for expansion is very exciting, and as environmental awareness grows, so must our association and related industry organizations if we are to stay abreast of the social, political and economical realities facing today's golf course managers.

Bill Whitworth and Company have laid the groundwork for this endeavor, and as you can see by the agenda you received in the mail, the format provides for some new and significant changes.

Don't miss the opportunity to hobnob with your peers in a new and progressive environment. There is something for everyone this year.

Our featured speaker, Jack McCloskey, had a scheduling conflict and cannot be with us. So we just switched sports teams, and Jeff Diamond, vice-president of the Minnesota Vikings organization, will attend our awards luncheon in place of the Timberwolves' general manager.

Dr. Frank Rossi, Jim Latham and Gerald Farrentino from Cornell University will share their talent and knowledge with us, along with a host of local talent that also will share their wisdom and experience in hosting major tournaments and landscape development.

The trade show will be an event all on its own with plenty of time and space for all. Pull your equipment requirements together for '94 and be prepared to kick some tires.

Thursday night is Hospitality Night, and our vendors will host the tallest of tales of the 1993 season. Fine dining surrounds you from moderate to all-out suit and tie. Check it out.

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I have received a memorandum from GCSAA President Randy Nichols, CGCS, concerning the members' mailbag column in the Newsline.

This column was set up to provide a forum for members to ask questions, voice opinions and comments, etc. As of early October, only two letters had been received.

On behalf of the CGCM "Newsline", I encourage you to jot down your comments and questions, then forward them to Members Mailbag, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, Kans. 66049-3859.

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Finally, it's been a real honor to serve the MGCSA as Chapter Editor. Through the ups and downs of 1993, somehow we all seemed to persevere.

A great deal of this publication's success comes from help from our friends. Without your help, *Hole Notes* would not be the key to communication among our members.

When the Editor of 1994 comes calling, give that person a hand. Your support is needed. Thank you.

—John Harris
Editor



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