EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris Lafayette Club



Summer is finally here? The heat that we experienced at Northfork was not only a test in endurance for the players in our Championship, but also for the turf that was expertly maintained by Paul Mayes and staff. (Can you say "Full Sun?")

My observation put the final score as MGCSA members 10 and the Links at Northfork 4.

Congratulations go out to Paul Mayes, our new MGCSA champion for '93. Paul applied a little heat of his own with a 76 to take all honors.

Prior to the tournament, the Links, like many of our courses, was blessed with yet another torrent from the sky. Then the sun and heat, overall excellent playing conditions, host superintendent takes all honors...No Pressure.

John Katterheinrich and Company at Interlachen are to be commended for their truly outstanding job in preparation for the Walker Cup. Regardless of the heat and rain, nothing was out of place. Obviously, the Americans loved it, and the bagpipes sounded "extra sweet" as I was told from a reliable source.

John and his staff had to deal with an opening day rain, coupled with all of that traffic. . . No Pressure.

Bill Whitworth, Conference and Education chair, and his committee are putting the final touches on our annual conference.

Going to the Convention Center in Minneapolis certainly will be a new experience for all of us, but I encourage everyone to be optimistic and supportive of this move. Our Association continues to grow, and so does our field and all the responsibilities connected with it. We must be prepared to put the horse before the cart and not the other way around.

Check out the agenda in this issue that Patty Knaggs has written for Conference '93. It looks like we are *really* going downtown...No Pressure.

Upcoming is the 9th annual Harold Stodola Research Scramble on September 13. I trust many of you have signed up for this important fundraiser and are looking forward to another test in golf at Hillcrest Country Club.

George Ostler and Company certainly will handle anything that Mother Nature has to offer and will welcome us with a fine track we can all admire...No Pressure.

Finally, congratulations to Tom Fischer, CGCS, and his people at Edinburgh U.S.A. on their fine job of hosting the Minnesota LPGA Classic. Judging by the photographs taken by Dale Wysocki, everything was picture perfect, if you'll pardon the pun.

The Burnet Classic, The Minnesota LPGA Classic and the Walker Cup...how are we doing so far, not to mention other prestigious events of not so long ago.

I think there is a definite trend here. Certainly there are many beautiful facilities nationwide with fine staffs. However, Minnesota golf courses and surrounding out-of-state member courses are increasingly drawing national attention.

We as Superintendents take on more and more challenges and look as though we persevere no matter what the weather... Absolutely, No Pressure!

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