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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

# Thanks, Joe Moris, For Your Leadership And Inspiration



The center picks the puck up inside his own blue line and skates toward the attacking zone. As he strides over the center red line, he dumps the puck into the far corner and heads to the bench for a line change. Legs were becoming tired, so it was time for a teammate to carry on. . . .

If anyone knows me, they know I love the game of hockey. I have been playing the sport since I was a wee lad and continue playing the same even today. As my career headed toward turf management, there are many similarities between the two that I will share with you. In this analogy, there is the symbolic handing of the gavel between presidents as the two hockey players change lines. It is a team effort if we are to succeed. Thank you, Joe Moris, for all your leadership and inspiration this past year. Stay tuned for results of the game.

**My tenure as president was not even five hours old** when a wonderful happening took place. As I was walking in the door to our house, my children were standing at the top of the stairs holding up a homemade sign saying "CONGRATULATIONS. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU DAD." If that did not make my heart quiver, nothing would. Family is a very important part of our lives and our jobs tend to take that part away. As our season has slowed a bit, spend some REAL time together. It does pay dividends later on.

**The 67th Annual Conference in conjunction with the MT&G Foundation Conference** was an overwhelming success. A total of 921 people participated at the Minneapolis Convention Center over the three days. John Granholt and the Conference Committee had every detail worked out to pull this event off without a hitch. My sincere thanks to every one involved. We will be even bigger next year as we move the trade show into the big dome. It was not so long ago that we were standing around the courtyard of the Sheraton NW having a "bull session." The monies generated from the 1994 conference will help the MT&G Foundation get off and running on its own feet.

**The MGCSA will have representation on the MGA Board of Directors** beginning in 1995. Ross Galarneault, Executive Director of the MGA, announced the decision at their last Board meeting. It's a great sign of future partnerships in cooperation that will continue to make golf a great game, especially in Minnesota.

**My presidential directive to you the members of the MGCSA** is to get involved. Get involved in the association and in your community. We must go out and let people know about ourselves and our impact on society. Do not wait for people to come to you; by then it will be too late. As Dr. Farrentino pointed out to us, we still control our destiny as it comes to legislative directives or environmentalist outcry. Areas of involvement include rotary clubs, jaycees, chamber of commerce, blood donations, volunteering at schools, church functions, getting to know your legislator, youth coaching and any other gatherings in which you can openly communicate to others about our professional and environmental development. Let me know if there is anything we as an association can do to develop these ties with the public. We must do this to improve our profession.

— Kevin Clunis, CGCS

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