

EDITOR'S CORNER

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During a discussion with a close personal friend, who is extremely well-traveled, I asked him to define "playability." Oh my gosh, I think I found a subject that is undefinable — when you consider each golf course is totally different, and that all the little factors that no one ever thinks about really add up quicker than the national deficit. But, when it comes to explaining these micro deviations to a golfer, they just don't add up to a hill of beans.

Why is that? I guess that golfers would like a golf course that is set up fairly. Each golf course as viewed through the eyes of the superintendent is always set up fair and square. The superintendent has made sure that the greens are groomed neat and tidy. Rolling true is more often than not more important than hyper-quick greens. The mowers have been set so that they clip the turf, not tear it. This is also a minor factor that many people do not see. We do not go out and try to make a golf course unplayable. As a matter of fact, any time we go to an annual conference. A monthly meeting, we go to learn something. Life is full of learning experiences. Learn to get something out of everything. When it comes to work, maybe finding something to make the golf course more playable will make the golfers feel that they are getting a better educated superintendent and a superintendent who is interested in their needs as golfers.

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Now that seasonal staff have made their very welcomed appearance on our golf courses, it's time to ponder questions that have been nagging the back of your mind since the last of the snow cover disappeared. Some of the nagging thoughts that have been in the back of my mind are:

- Why is it when I play golf, the sprinkler closest to my ball has no yardage marker, and the one I walk over to comes on?
- No matter how often out of bounds is on the right, the only time the out of bounds is on the left, I hit a hook.?
- Each spring when rakes are put out each bunker gets two or three rakes, but when I go out to play and land in a bunker, all the rakes are gone.
- Why don't people steal your golf balls out of hazards?

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Hasn't this year been different from Day One? The weather has been totally different, heat and humidity. As an amateur meteorologist, I often listen to age-old sayings to see if they are true or just old sayings. Sometimes they do hold some truths to them, and sometimes they just blow along with the dust devils out on the prairie. This editori-

al is being written during the summer solstice, and the way it has been written is that on the day of the solstice, so the the weather shall be until the next change of seasons. Tomorrow's forecast is for less humidity with the temperature around 84°. It will be interesting to see if this old saying does in fact come true.

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I was talking to the treasurer the other day and he was mentioning that more members of the MGCSA are getting name tags. This is good. The MGCSA continues to grow and with the influx of new members, it is nice to know whose face matches his or her name.

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November 12th is the day the MGCSA is going to Knott's Camp Snoopy. This will be the monthly meeting for November. What is going to happen is this meeting will be for the entire family. Bring the children, bring your significant other and bring yourself. The cost to you as a member of the MGCSA will be a mighty low price of \$15. That's just one price for the entire family. Registration will be very important to make sure the luncheon buffet numbers are good. If you have any questions, contact Bill Cox, Arrangements Chair.

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MGCSA policy has always been to "comp" the host superintendent at a monthly meeting. Well, at the LeSueur Country Club meeting held during the month of May, host superintendent Rick Hoffman donated the entire registration fee for himself and three of his staff to the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank Rick.



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