

EDITOR'S CORNER

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What is this all about? Our careers take us to all different types of extremes.

At some golf courses the golf course is strictly rated by how "fast" the greens are. The condition of turf, blade count or even if there is turf on the putting surface, isn't important.

Then you can look at the teeing: nice flat areas with turf shorter than the fairways and, of course, the ball will sit up without a tee. What is this all about?

It's about the perfect lie. After reading old books about the history of the game of golf, looking at old lithographs and seeing old movies of U.S. Opens of the early '50s, it's evident that the conditions we offer our "bosses" have improved radically in the last 10-15 years. Just think, the invention of the first hydraulically driven triplex mower came during the late '60s. The super-ultra thin bedknives were developed during the late '70s.

Our "bosses" go to different golf courses and experience different conditions, from "tables of terror" that stimp at 10' 6", to fairways that stimp at 7'. Has television influenced what we do?

Recently I was conversing with an extremely close friend about his recent change to lightweight fairway mowers and how the conditions are going to change for him. The one item he picked up on was that the young junior golfer, who hangs around the bag room, said "You mean that we can stripe our fairways?"

No consideration was given to what this Golf Course Superintendent was going to have to do as far as extra maintenance. Will he have to change cultural practices or use different fertilizer strategies.

Regardless of what type of facility you are at, you always strive to give your bosses the absolute finest conditions regardless of budget, environment or equipment. What's it all about? Why the perfect lie from tee to green.

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Congratulations to Gordy Miller, who had a most magnificent hole-in-one at Southview Country Club back in June. Gordy is available for private lessons.

1994 MGCSA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mon., Oct. 10 Minneapolis Golf Club
Sat., Nov. 12 APPRECIATION PARTY
Knott's Camp Snoopy — Mall of America
Wed.-Fri., Dec. 7-9 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Minneapolis Convention Center

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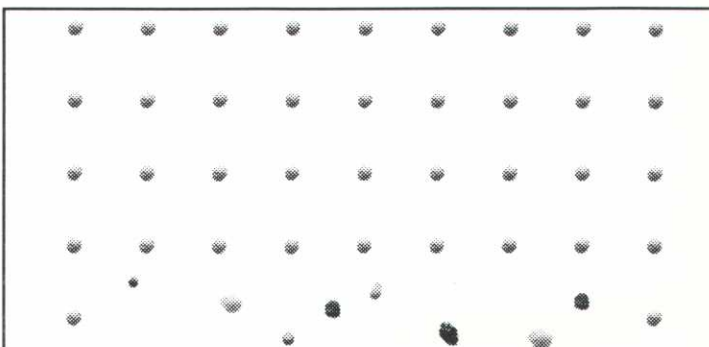
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The registration includes lunch, two cocktail and refreshments on Tuesday, as well as coffee at the program breaks and "The Great Getaway" on Wednesday afternoon.

The following speakers will be presenting:
Dr. Frank Rossi- University of Wisconsin
John Matheny- USGA
Joe Kosgolov CGCS- Wolf Run Country Club
David Stone CGCS- The Honors Course
Jim Gilligan CGCS- Richmond Country Golf and CC
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