

EDITOR'S CORNER

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What a fine turnout for the **Garske Scramble** at Indian Hills and Stillwater C.C. Hats off to **Dick Grundstrom** and crew, **Marlin Murphy** and crew for two well-conditioned golf courses. Every superintendent who has hosted a monthly meeting thinks they're being scrutinized. There are no secrets, I imagine, when those familiar with course maintenance play golf and see how a particular course is maintained. That understanding means an appreciation for the skills needed in being a golf course superintendent. We are fortunate to see the golf course through the eyes of a golfer *and* turf manager. All those who have hosted a monthly meeting deserve our thanks, understanding and appreciation. Good job!

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Par Aide has once again donated \$1,000 to the scholarship fund. Like so many of the associates, **Steve Garske** has given a great deal of time and support to the MGCSA. As Steve might say, "Best Regards."

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It Could Be Worse. Although we have experienced a cold spring, some 90° temps, high humidity, weather related turf loss, dry conditions, all in all, *things could be worse*. Do you remember reading the book entitled *It Could Be Worse* to your children? No matter what problems the children had, their Grandpa would say, "It could be worse." We all take our jobs and ourselves too seriously at times and occasionally things don't go as smoothly as we would like.

Ninety-nine percent of the time things *could be worse*, and that simple statement should be part of our managerial philosophy.

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New Research Center and Golf Course. The development of the Rosemount site is getting closer to reality. The MGA, MTGF, U of M, plus others are moving ahead with the project. Several people involved in getting this project off the ground will be visiting turf research facilities in different states — sort of a fact-finding trip. Right now it looks as if over \$10 million will be available to develop this complex. Any updates will be in *Hole Notes*.

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MGCSA's good friend, **Dr. Ward Stienstra**, underwent surgery awhile ago. He's doing fine, but unfortunately, all his hair turned gray. (I should talk!).

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The members of the MGCSA make this a terrific organization. In this month's issue of *Hole Notes*, we find out some background information about **Rob Panuska** and three of the student members.

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With all this commotion over hard hats lately, here is a story about how wearing one did some good. One of the people who works for the company that plants and maintains flowers at Indian Hills was hit on the head with a ball. Not familiar with golf lingo, she didn't know what 'fore' meant so didn't duck. Fortunately, Mr. Grundstrom required that hard-hats be worn even by outside contractors.

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Recently my son and I had an opportunity to fish for trout along the Gunflint Trail just out of Grand Marais. What beautiful country it is! **Norma O'Leary** at Silver Bay C.C. and **Mike Davies** from Superior National at Lutsen must enjoy that part of Minnesota (at least in the summer).

Fly fishing and golf have some similarities. Both are an individual sports where nobody is looking over your shoulder to see if you broke the rules by taking too many fish or too many strokes. Each cast or swing seems to vary in degrees of accuracy and distance. The surroundings are certainly part of the experience. Sometimes your outing is successful and other times you're not so lucky. But in both sports, numbers shouldn't always be a goal for an enjoyable experience.

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Remember the **MGCSA Amateur Championship** held at **Baker National** is for all skill levels. **Keith Greeninger** says to sharpen up your target golf and bring a few extra golf balls than normal for **August 14th**.

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