

HOLE NOTES

Official Publication
of the
Minnesota Golf Course
Superintendents' Association

1994-95 MGCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President Kevin Clunis, CGCS
JP Golf Management Co.
715/247-4260 • Fax: 715/247-4266
Vice-President James Gardner, CGCS
Rochester G&CC
507/281-3241 • Fax: 507/282-8682
Secretary John Granholt
Eau Claire G&CC
715/836-8422 • Fax: 715/836-8425
Treasurer Tom Kientzle, CGCS
The Pines at Grand View Lodge
218/963-7732 • Fax: 218/963-2269
Ex-Officio Joe Moris
Tartan Park GC
612/736-8791 • Fax: 612/733-5009

Directors

William S. Cox Tianna CC
218/547-2141 • Fax: 218/547-1710
Butch Greeninger MTI Distributing Co.
612/475-2200 ext. 202 • Fax: 612/475-0351
Richard Grundstrom Indian Hills GC
612/770-3091 • Fax: 612/770-2302
Thomas Johnson New Richmond GC
715/246-4850 • Fax: 715/246-7059
Monty Montague National Mower/
Turfco Mfg., Inc.
612/646-4079 • Fax: 612/646-2887
Charlie Pooch Les Bolstad U of Minn. GC
612/627-4138
Dave Sime Benson GC
612/843-2109
Fred Taylor Mankato GC
507/388-2546 • Fax: 507/387-4991
Pat Walton, CGCS Rolling Green CC
612/478-2179 • Fax: 612-478-6025

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Tom Johnson
Scott Turtinen
Larry Vetter

EDITOR

Tom Johnson

Editorial and Business Office

Scott Turtinen, Executive Director
Minnesota Golf Course
Superintendents' Association
240 Minnetonka Avenue South/P.O. Box 317
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391-1617
TEL: 612/473-0557 • FAX: 612/473-0576
TOLL FREE: 800-642-7227

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's Time To Enjoy The Toils of Our Work



The hockey player arrives at his new team just in time to get ready for the next game. Thoughts of how he will be accepted go through his mind. An older veteran player introduces himself first and puts the player at ease. The game starts and everything falls into place. It's business as usual on the ice. After the game, the rest of the team welcomes him and congratulates him on an outstanding game. The team packs up and heads toward its next game.

All of us at one time or another have had the experience of changing jobs or even careers. The days leading up to and the first few days on the new job can be difficult on one's nervous system. So many questions and not enough answers keep the days traveling at warp speed. Pretty soon the job begins to run smoothly and life tends to return to normal (whatever that is). The job change I am experiencing is rather dramatic. After 11 years of managing fine turf, I find myself directing traffic between bulldozers, scrapers, dump trucks, back hoes and trenchers. But as each day passes, the final shape of the golf course becomes clearer. As time goes by, I will be managing fine turf again. It will be business as usual then.

* * * *

I was unable to attend the June meeting at Bemidji. By all accounts, it was great. Thanks to Tom Johanns and staff for hosting our meeting. We finally got to play golf. The monthly mixer was very successful and a large number of members stuck around after the event to socialize and enjoy complimentary hors' d'oeuvres. We have events scheduled for the next three months but will return to the mixer format in October.

* * * *

As the summer staffs return, the workload tends to even itself out. We now have a chance to get out and play some golf and enjoy our toils of work. Or perhaps we even have a chance to play another course. This is a point we need to discuss. It came to my attention from a PGA member that a few of our MGCSA members were showing up at another course demanding that they be given complimentary green fees. This is *not* appropriate procedure. A timely article was published in *Hole Notes* last month on how to make arrangements. Please, take time to read this again. Our professional image demands the respect of other golf courses. Not all courses recognize or accept this. As the article states, make arrangements with the course superintendent. This is not only being professional but it helps to keep our opportunities open. A few bad apples can spoil it for everybody, so please pay attention to this issue.

* * * *

The superintendents and their staffs team up next month for the Garske Scramble to be held at Indian Hills and Stillwater Country Club. This is a fine opportunity to interact with staffs at another golf course and perhaps take something away from the experience that could be useful at your own course.

Until next month. . .

— Kevin Clunis, CGCSA
President

HOLE NOTES is published monthly except bimonthly December/January, February/March for \$2 an issue or \$20 per year by the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association, 240 Minnetonka Avenue South, Wayzata, MN 55391-1617. Scott Turtinen, Publisher. Application to mail at second class rates is pending at Wayzata, MN. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to HOLE NOTES, 240 Minnetonka Avenue South, Wayzata, MN 55391-1617.