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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

# Take Time to Smell The Blossoms and Wear a Smile



The coach comes into the locker room after the game. He motions to the veteran hockey player to step into his office. The hockey player closes the door and looks down at the coach sitting behind his desk. The coach stares up at the player and mumbles, "You've been traded. Pack your gear and head on out of here." The player is stunned. No warnings. No reasons. How could this happen? What am I goin' to do? This changes the whole picture. . . .

This story happens all the time in the world of professional sports. Does this happen to golf course superintendents? It happened to me, well sort of. Two months ago all was fine with my current position. There were no changes forecast in my future. But a few conversations led to a couple of interviews and all of a sudden there was an opportunity for me to grow professionally and accept new challenges. Do I stay or do I go? I chose the latter. Change is not easy but change is healthy. I am very excited and look forward to my new responsibilities.

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How is it that when 50-100 golf course superintendents and associate members gather to share and disseminate information at the monthly meetings that we can significantly change the weather? We are now two for two at monthly meetings on bringing out the bad weather (or was that rain beneficial to some folks?). Thanks to Tom Parent and his staff for preparing the course for the few brave souls, Greg Hubbard, et al. The pump house visit was beneficial to me on some immediate decisions for my new project. Perhaps next month at Bemidji, Tom Johanns and staff can roll out the green carpet and we can actually play golf.

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There are many issues that the MGCSA Board of Directors has acted on or is following up on. Here are a few on that list:

- Budget . . . . . approved 1996 budget with no dues increase
- Conference . . . . . moving toward a bigger and better 68th annual
- Environmental . . . . . issued an Environmental Statement for the MGCSA
- Hole Notes . . . . . increased advertising rates to offset higher costs in publishing our fine publication
- Human Resources . . . . . close to sending out a comprehensive survey to improve the professionalism of our association
- Office . . . . . new rosters have been sent out
- Ex-Officio . . . . . looking for prospective Board candidates
- Arrangements . . . . . looking for host sites in 1996 and beyond
- Scholarship . . . . . putting together a Legacy Award
- Research . . . . . building relationships with the MTGF, U of M, MGA

This time of year can get very hectic and chaotic. Don't let the stress of our jobs get to you. Take time to smell the blossoms and wear a smile. Enjoy yourself and others will enjoy you, too.

— Kevin Clunis  
President

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