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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade



The score of the game is 7-0 midway through the second period. Things look bleak as your team is behind. The efforts begin to fade. The harder you try, the worse it gets. There are days like these. All you can do is do the best job possible and remember that tomorrow is another day. Funny how problems look better after a good night's sleep.

Once again, I was unable to attend our monthly outing at Baker National G.C. An act of God (6.6" of rain) occurred over a three-day period and completely ruined two months of preparations prior to seeding. Words could not describe the scene. I took some pictures for lasting memories. Anyway, I am sure there were a few more superintendents who had to deal with excessive water. Why is that the case whenever superintendents gather?

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Thank you to Keith Greeninger and staff for hosting our Annual Championship. A lot of extra work goes on behind the scenes to make it all possible. We are looking for a few sites for 1996 and beyond. If you are interested in hosting a monthly meeting, please contact Pat Walton for details.

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A special congratulations to Tom Fischer, CGCS of Edinburgh USA, and Jim Nicol, CGCS of Bunker Hills G.C., for hosting LPGA and Senior PGA Tour Events. Their professional attitudes helped make their respective tournaments successful.

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Reports from around the region indicate this has been a tough season for maintaining quality turf. As bad as the summer stress was, the sound of aerifiers are not far behind. As the saying goes "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Make the most of whatever you got. When the turf is down and out, what a great time to renovate to a more desirable species.

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I hope everyone has a chance to play in our 11th Stodola Research Scramble — a great opportunity to play golf with your club officials at two great golf courses in the Town and Country Club in St. Paul and The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. All proceeds from this outing help fund research projects.

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If you have not already, you will be receiving a survey from our association. Please take a few minutes to complete and return it to our office. The results will be tabulated and the info will be disseminated among the association. Your cooperation is essential on this endeavor as this information can and will be used to help superintendents improve themselves.

— Kevin Clunis, CGCS
President

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