

# EDITOR'S CORNER

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This season has been a plant pathologists dream. Just about every fungus that is harmful to turfgrass has shown its ugly head (or mycelium). On top of that, algae has been a problem on some turf areas. Yes, this year you can recognize a chemical supplier or plant protectant person by their 300 watt grin. This smile should last all winter because the pre-emergence orders will certainly increase for the spring of 1996 to control all the crabgrass. I remember a slide that **Dr. Houston Couch** had in one of his presentations. It was the bottom view of a spray tip nozzle and his comment was: "That is the last thing that *Sclerontinia homoeocarpa* will ever see!" This is one summer where some of those diseases have nine lives. Are we looking forward to fall yet?

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Does this statement fit some people you know? "Never confuse movement with action." Some people seem to be busy, but not a lot gets done. (Credit that to Ernest Hemingway).

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**Did you know** the average temperature of the earth is 57°F. The average size of all animals is around that of a housefly. There is an average of six million leaves on an elm tree. No wonder it's a never-ending job of leaf removal each fall!

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"Every road that replaces a footpath, every outboard motor that replaces a canoe paddle, shrinks the area of a park."

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While some of us had washed bunkers or some trees down from the recent winds and rains, **Kevin Clunis** reported a great deal of damage to his course which is under construction. They were ready to seed when the heavy rains washed most everything out. Although there were just four acres seeded, most of the finish grading will have to be done again. By the time this issue of *Hole Notes* comes out things might look different. Hang in there, Mr. President!

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The new superintendent of Mississippi Dunes is **Shane Andrews**, whose official title is once again Superintendent, Welcome back! **Bill Larson** and mechanic **Mike Romundstad** must have turned the governors down on their golf cars. The St. Paul Police recently were able to catch three joy riders with their squad cars at T&C.

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As always, I've been leading a quiet, sinless life, but these last few days (August 11-13), have been very trying.

More heat, humidity and rain (5.6" in our gauge), brings up the carts or no carts issue. Cart golf has become such a part of the game as well as part of the revenues that many golfers don't realize there indeed was golf before golf cars. Pregolf-car-golf, so to speak. Besides, God likes people who carry their clubs better than those who always ride. Sometimes talking to golfers about cart use in saturated conditions has precisely the same effect as shouting up a rain spout in the interior of Afghanistan. It does strain the limits of logic. Watching some of the "new" walkers coming down the fairway with their pull carts is like watching a tired, thinned army pulling their chariots home in defeat.

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Congratulations to **Jim Nicol** and his crew for another successful Burnet Senior Classic. Is that three years in a row with rain, Jim? Next year, Nicklaus and ESPN.

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See you at the **Harold Stodola Research Scramble** at **Town & Country Club** or **The Minikahda Club** Monday, September 11. Hosts, **Bill Larson** and **Douglas Mahal**.

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