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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Garske Scholarship Scramble Attracts Full Field at Izaty's On Lake Mille Lacs



Izaty's Golf & Yacht Club hosted the MGCSA's Annual Garske Scholarship Scramble on the balmy shores of Lake Mille Lacs. Steve Schumacher and his staff had the course in great condition with greens as smooth as silk, unlike "The Lake." No wonder Izaty's is a popular resort destination. We again had a full field with a few teams on the waiting list. Thanks to all teams who participated.

While last year's weather pattern tested our courses and strategy on disease control, this year we are finding out how strong our irrigation and drainage systems are.

Editor's Corner ..... the entire MGCSA Executive Committee and a majority of Board members in essence became editors recently. We determined that Tom Parent's original two drafts of *One Guy's Opinion* and *Editor's Corner* indeed transcended, not only for sure Minnesota nice, but also, we believe, compromised the dignity of the MGCSA membership. We certainly condone Tom's genuine effort to apprise us of pertinent and relevant issues, but it was the format used in those drafts that we had an issue with.

Tom is right. We (MGCSA Board of Directors) do rely on membership input and direction. You must be informed to achieve this. In this month's issue of *Hole Notes* you will find the GCSAA Affiliation Agreement. The August MGCSA Board of Director's meeting will discuss the Agreement along with, believe it or not, other controversial issues. I encourage you to let us know of your concerns and ideas. The Board discussions on the Affiliation Agreement will then be brought to the GCSAA through September's Chapter delegate forum.

While sometimes the GCSAA seems to be dictatorial, I strongly believe that the GCSAA's position and professional influence on our profession and the golfing and non-golfing public can only be commended and will continue to be directed and influenced by its membership.

I also look forward to Tom Parent's continued involvement on the MGCSA Board of Directors.

> —Respectfully, James D. Gardner, CGCS MGCSA President

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