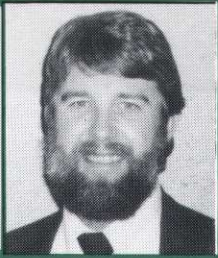


EDITOR'S CORNER

By Tom Parent
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I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for electing me to the MGCSA Board of Directors. I am honored by your support. In my role as editor I will strive to bring you a magazine that will help you in the day-to-day management of your golf courses. My main goal is to increase the number of original articles written for our magazine. We will still reprint materials from other newsletters that the committee feels are pertinent. To accomplish this goal, we need input from you. If you have information that you feel would be useful to the membership or have learned something in discussions with members of the academia, write it down! Don't worry about syntax or spelling and commas; that's what editors are for.

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In talking with many of you I have the impression that you feel that the working of the board is a mysterious lofty tower. In fact it is fairly routine. I do feel that there needs to be more communication of what the board actually does. In the future we will try to keep you abreast of the activities of the various committees. In the two board meetings I have attended, it rapidly became clear to me the time spent on our behalf by the members of the board that I, for one, was never aware of.

The executive committee, in particular, is involved with representing our profession in state government and the GCSAA. Many hours are spent away from their jobs and families to represent us as a group for which they receive little credit. This is in part due to lack of communication of their activities to you the membership. In the future we will try to keep you up to date. Please feel free to call any of us if you have any questions.

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Over the last two years I have spent considerable time researching the role of beneficial microorganisms in the soil. This has been a fascinating subject and a lot of fun. In doing so I have made many contacts, some of which have resulted in my involvement in the sale or formulation of products used in our industry. I feel that there could be some perceived conflict of interest in my desire to share what I have learned with the membership.

As a result, some of the articles I have written for future issues could be seen as self-serving. I have strived to keep my articles as generic as possible to prevent this impression. If you, the membership, feel there is a conflict, I will stop.

I would also like to institute a monthly article entitled "One Guy's Opinion," a title changed for gender correctness as necessary. There are many ideas in our industry that have been around so long that we don't take a second

look at them. This column is intended to spark a debate. This month's article is on sand topdressing native soil greens. Most likely it will not be looked on favorably by top dressing suppliers. It is not intended to anger anyone, and if it does, I apologize in advance. With any luck it will stimulate someone to write a rebuttal on the benefits of sand topdressing native soil greens and rip my opinions to shreds. That is what this column is for. I hope you will not get tired of my opinion because of the flood of articles written for this column.

Again, thank you all for your vote of confidence.

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