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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

It Was Another Great Day In Benson



Another great day of weather at Benson Golf Club. Maybe that's the answer to scheduling spring monthly meetings. The last time we were at Benson was during the month of April and it was a great day also. Dave, do you know something we don't . . . programmable weather? Once again, Dave and the grounds department staff at Benson Golf Club had the course in great shape. Dave informed me that they really should have been aerifying greens instead of hosting the MGCSA meeting. Well, maybe next time we will all bring an aerifier and have a "core-off." MTI was the sponsor for the May meeting.

The Toro Company's Dr. Syed Dara discussed the basics of tissue testing and analysis of results. This test combined with a soil test gives the superintendent a better feel for what exactly the plant is actually utilizing in the soil media. Tissue tests give us a snap shot of what nutrients were available to the plant at a given time. Continued tissue tests are required to constantly evaluate the dynamic relationship between the plant and the media it is anchored in.

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The MGCSA Board is currently working on and will approve the 1996-97 budget. The chart of accounts has been revised, more defined and streamlined to give us a more precise, definable and trackable picture from month to month and year to year of our revenues and expenses. The year ending in May 1996 looks to be in the black, and our goal in 1996-97 is to continue to operate in the black without raising dues and continue to give the membership the same or enhanced membership services.

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A reminder: You may have noticed in this year's MGCSA Roster a change in your membership classification. Please refer to the new by-law change passed at last year's annual meeting that defines the new classifications. This change makes our definitions of classifications the same as the GCSAA. After reviewing your membership class in the roster and you still have questions, please call Scott at the MGCSA office for clarification.

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The MGCSA Board recently approved funding for a research study at the University of Minnesota with Phil Larson on effects of growth regulators and certain DMI fungicides.

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Recent law changes have put a snag in the MGCSA Group Insurance Health One Plan, but we will continue to explore other options and keep you updated when further progress is achieved.

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It's still not too late to sign up for the MGCSA's Turf Tourney.
See you at Park Rapids in June. I hope the ice is off the lakes by then.

— James D. Gardner, CGCS
MGCSA President

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