

EDITOR'S CORNER

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written perfectly; I will be glad to work it over and get it ready for publication. If you see an interesting article that you think our members would enjoy, get me a copy and the source for permission to reprint. We are always in need of material; your help would be greatly appreciated, Thanks!!

— Rob Panuska
Editor

My big beef this spring has to do with the weather. I know what you're thinking, just shut up and deal with it, you can't control it anyway!! You're absolutely right, we can't control it and that is not my beef. We have all heard the jokes about those who forecast the weather. "It's the only profession where you can be wrong 50% of the time and still have a job." Hence my beef!! 50% would be great, but this spring it seems that any prediction out further than one day is 90% off the mark. When my kids ask me what tomorrow's weather is going to be like, I have learned to smile and simply say, "Ask me tomorrow night and I will tell you."

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I was remiss last month in not thanking Jack Kolb for his article about Gilbert Foster. For those of us who are relatively new (10 years or less) to this industry, it is great to read about the people who "paved the path." Keep up the good work, Jack, and thanks a million for your contributions.

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Also special thanks to Jack Mateffy for his summary articles from the March Mini-Seminar last month and this month. Brad Pedersen has been the contact at the university and has gathered various articles from different departments for our publication. Thanks, Brad.

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Our first monthly golf outing will be held on June 16 at Cannon Golf Club. Host superintendent is Jeff Backstrom. We should be safe from snow this time around, Jeff! Also, take a look at the hole-by-hole preview and entry information in this issue for the 1997 Garske Scramble on July 14 at Hidden Creek in Owatonna. Thanks to Marty Terveer, host superintendent, for providing the preview.

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A REMINDER that July 1, 1997 marks the date that the affiliation agreement with GCSAA goes into full effect. After July 1 you must join both the state and national associations. Up until that time you will be grandfathered in and only have to belong to one association if you choose. However, I would encourage you to strongly consider joining both the MGCSA and GCSAA. The flow of information and resources available by both of our associations is significant. If you need assistance in convincing your employer to support your dues in these professional associations, please give our state office or GCSAA a call.

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Please feel free to send me your thoughts about a topic or project at your course. It does not need to be

Harris, Lafayette Club Host April 29 Meeting

Seventy-five members gathered at The Lafayette Club for a golfless but very informative monthly meeting. Host superintendent John Harris did an outstanding job with all arrangements.

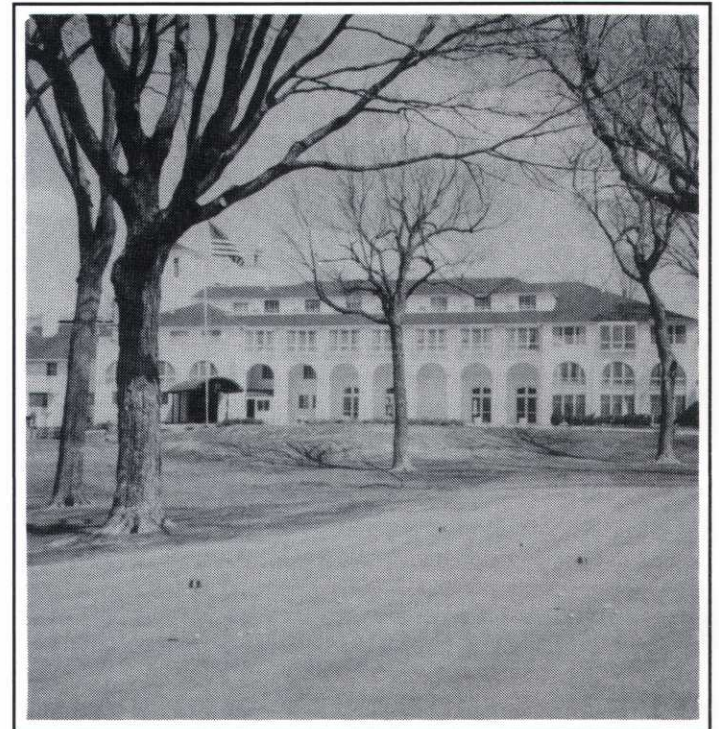
Bob Vavrek, USGA Green Section, spoke of the trials and



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tribulations of Minnesota golf course superintendents around the state who had to deal with the wacky winter weather. Vavrek offered insights on methods that seemed to work better against winterkill and practices that didn't. (See a recap of Bob Vavrek's talk on the Front Cover of this issue.)

This month the MGCSA travels to Cannon Golf Club where Jeff Backstrom plays host to members on June 16.



The stately Lafayette Club on Lake Minnetonka.