

# EDITOR'S CORNER

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## Dawg Days of Summer

I think it's safe to use that phrase now. Yes, it seems as if the season goes by so quickly. We have new staff to train in the spring and work on projects and general maintenance throughout the season. And bang, in a week or so, most of our summer staff will be going back to school leaving us with memories. Some good, some funny and some just memories. There are still many things we must do to keep our courses running as if we are fully staffed. For most of us, we're looking at aerifying greens, tees and fairways or have already started to. Then come the sayings from our members. Why do you have to tear up the greens, they were putting so nice. It doesn't seem as if they mind so much when we do tees and fairways. I wish I had an easy answer for them as to why we do it without sounding technical. And hopefully our golf pros will stand behind us in our endeavors.

## Re: An Open Letter to Affiliate Members Article

I want to touch on an article from last month. "An Open Letter to Affiliate Members." I had received a few calls on this article and it's hard to try to take a side on such an issue as this. I understand this individual's frustrations. I think we all can relate to that at one time or another. However, I believe this person should have gone to the superior of the individual in question. I can also understand why the person did not sign the letter. They didn't want hard feelings. But by not signing it stirred up a lot of questions as to who was to blame and who wrote it. So, I think basically this person got their point across. Right or wrong, this was a way to possibly get all of us to communicate better. I know I'll return phone calls from here on out. I know this person didn't mean to bash all the affiliates, it was just frustration.. That doesn't make it right but it happened and I know from talking to Scott and Jeff in the office, it won't happen again. One item was, however, brought to my attention, what about a "Letter to the Editor" column? I would welcome and comments from any member as long as it is in good taste. We have a professional publication and we should all take a part in its success.

## Did I Say "Normal" Summer?

Oops, looks like I was wrong, again. Or is having eight inches of rain in June and as much in the first two weeks in July normal??? Holy smokes! Baseball-sized hail, too! I'm used to running my pumps every day this time of year, but for irrigation, not for pumping rainwater off the course. Whatever happened to the nice half-inch rains we normally

get? Not the Ohhhh we had 2.35 inches last night. For me, I feel lucky having my course on sand. I know of others that aren't so lucky. But what can you do? Looks like a good year to see where drainage work is needed. (Yes, even for me on my sand-based course!)

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**Congratulations to Tom and Kathy Schmidt, Moorhead CC,** on the birth of their daughter Hannah Teresa Schmidt who was born on April 5th. As always, it's nice to print a birth announcement.

I hope your month goes well for all of you. See ya next month.

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Editor



The picturesque 9th hole at Elm Creek.

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