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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's A Good Time To Enjoy Your Course



Autumn-like weather has arrived and the growth of the turfgrass plant seems to have slowed. The leaves have started to come down and most of our staff has returned to school. I was hoping to do some fishing. Instead, I find myself operating a mower on occasion. This is the best time of year on the golf course in my opinion. The plant is healthier and stands more upright, play has decreased, fall color has begun, and my favorite reason is the starting time goes from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Take advantage of the season. Winter will soon be upon us.

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The GCSAA Chapter Delegates met in Lawrence, Kansas on September 18 and 19. Candidates made individual presentations on Friday afternoon. Delegates met with the candidates separately Saturday night in breakout rooms. Candidates fielded questions so the delegates could better understand how each person stood regarding various issues. The hot topics were certification and recertification requirements, educational needs, membership standards and public relations ideas. It was great to hear the exchange of ideas and the interest each candidate received from the delegates. Keith Scott will report in more detail on this delegates meeting in the near future.

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A great day was had by all who attended the Stodola Scramble at Pebble Creek C.C. Cary Femrite and the whole staff did an outstanding job of making us feel at home. Thanks to Monte Montague, Todd Plaisted, Paul Jones and Doug Bergren for donating their "Skin Money" back to the research fund. It was great to be able to arrive and check into the event without having to spend money on extra activities. Now it is time to put the money to good use. If you have any ideas, please share them with Tom Fischer, our Research Chairman. Look for tournament results on Page 17.

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The 1998 MGCSA Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, December 10th at the Minneapolis Convention Center. There will be a hospitality night for MGCSA members following the meeting. Also, be sure to look on Page 12 for hotel information for the MTGF Conference and Trade Show which will be held December 9-11, 1998.

— Jim Nicol, CGCS
MGCSA President



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