

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Autumn

The Oxford Dictionary I have in front of me says "Autumn is the season between summer and winter." To me, and I think a lot of you, Autumn means, the down swing, over the hump, counting days til we close our courses, days are shorter, nights are cooler and we can look at our accomplishments over this past season and smile, feel proud of what we and our staff have done. Was it that drainage project? New green? New tee, irrigation project or the growth of a complete course? Maybe major renovation of our existing course? For some it was, and still is, the clean-up after some nasty storms ripped through their courses and scarred them badly. Whichever it was, I hope you can, as I am, feel very proud about how the season is ending up. For sure it's not over, but think about it, the tough stuff is behind us now...or is it? I for one sure hope so! I'll leave it at that.

Serving as a Board Member

I recently spoke to Fred Taylor on the phone, we talked about the weather, how things are going at each other's course and about who might want to serve on the Board of Directors for this fine association. For me, being a part of our association has given me more respect for what we are all about. I think about little things like, would I normally just pick up the phone and call Fred? Call Jim Nicol? Paul Eckholm? Or any of the other people in our association or Board of Directors to shoot the bull for a while, act like I have a reason to call? I don't think so. This is one of the things serving on the board has done for me, besides learning how it's run, how Scott and Jeff do things, where our money goes. It's part of being involved. Maybe you don't have the time, or have served in the past, or maybe think you're not good enough to serve. I thought that for a while, and look where it's got me, you're reading my thoughts and feelings every month. All I ask of you is, think about it; I don't want this to sound like a political campaign, but help serve your association.

Western Minnesota Bull Session

A bull session has been scheduled at Alexandria Golf Club on November 2 at 10:00 a.m. All superintendents are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, call Dave Sime at (320) 843-2109.

Summer Vacation

Did you take one this year? Did you spend time with your family? I sure hope so. If not, and you're feeling the effects

of summer burn out, it's your own fault! As with me, just didn't seem to find the time. Am I ready for the season to slow down? You bet!

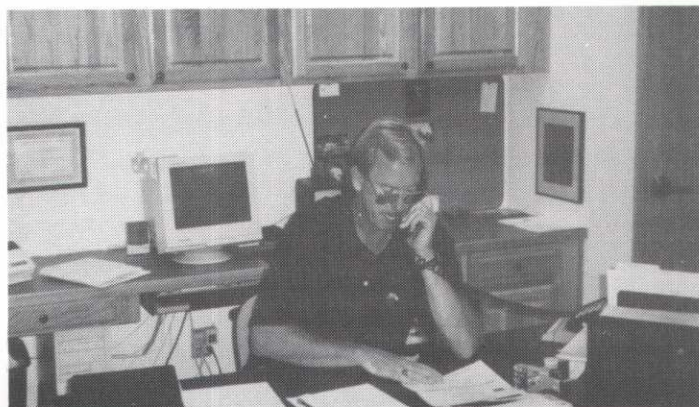
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Henry Toupal, a past member of the MGCSA, passed away recently. On behalf of the MGCSA our condolences go out to his family.

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Well...I've run out of things to write about this month...so I'll close. Have a great month and we'll see ya next month.

— Steve Shumansky
Editor



Doug Mahal, The Minikahda Club, enjoys his new office.

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