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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Can You Remember A Year With So Many Severe Storms?



Now that September has arrived, I hope we can look forward to some reasonable weather patterns. Can you remember a year with so many severe storms? The last week of August delivered some intense rain for the southern metro area, and the Duluth area received tremendous hail damage to putting greens. My neighbors and I received 4.5" of rain during the evening of the 22nd of August. Mike Natzel called wondering if there is any way to repair hail stone marks on putting greens without ruining your back? Just another curve ball.

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Many of you know that I have been placed on the ballot for Director of the GCSAA for the February election in Orlando. This circumstance will no longer permit me to serve as a Chapter Delegate. Keith Scott will be our new Chapter Delegate after serving as the Alternate Delegate. Keith will be traveling to GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence during the middle of September as our representative at the Annual Chapter Delegates Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about the GCSAA, this would be a good time to raise them with Keith or myself and we will try to find an answer for you.

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In August I attended the 80th PGA Championship at The Sahalee Country Club. Their greens staff of 40 was bolstered with a volunteer staff of 40 which included local Superintendents and crew members. An impressive effort was put forth by everyone and the results showed it. Crowds were enthusiastic, filling the bleachers around the 17th and 18th greens before 7:00 a.m. on Sunday and cheering on the staff as they mowed and rolled the putting greens. The young man setting cups received a standing ovation after finishing on the 18th green. Sahalee's Golf Course Superintendent, and a close personal friend of mine, Tom Wolff, was very proud of what they had accomplished and he had every right to be. The local Seattle papers referred to him in the Monday edition as "the hero of the tournament." He and his staff were quoted in the print media quite often. They had a lot of fun and all agreed that the experience was one they will not soon forget.

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I look forward to seeing you and your guests at Pebble Creek. Cary Femrite will have the course in top playing condition.

— Jim Nicol, CGCS
MGCSA President



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