

EDITOR'S CORNER

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And Away We Go!

Ahhhh Spring.....the season for new life and regeneration. A feeling of freshness. A new beginning to what I believe will be a successful season for all of us. A few pieces of new equipment to help us in our stride for quality and perfection, or maybe just a fresh coat of paint on that older piece to make it look like new. Whichever the case, it's time for another golf season of trying a few new things. Using a fertilizer you haven't tried in the past, and for some strange reason you're willing to give it a try. Fungicide you've heard about and researched a bit and are wondering if it's gonna work for you. A season that we have spent all winter planning for and even waiting for. A few new tees, bunker renovation, greens reconstruction, irrigation expansion, the list is endless!! But we all have a plan and know what we are up against. In short, whatever Mother Nature dishes out for us. By now or in the next week or so we will all have our irrigation systems energized. This truly is the start of the golf season. Sure, we've been open for a little while, but once the lines are pressurized, it's the real thing. All of our project calculations are in place and we're ready to rock and roll! I wish you luck in your endeavors!!

Changing Your Location?

Here's a thought I've talked to a few people about and want to try. And it's nothing new, they do it in *Golf Course Management Magazine*. If you change jobs, I would like to know about it. Kind of an "on the move" kind of thing. There's nothing worse than calling somebody you haven't talked to in a while and someone answers the phone and they say, "he doesn't work here anymore, he went to work at..." It's kind of embarrassing sometimes. Our membership directory only comes out once a year and it's hard to keep track with all the movement. Besides, hearing it through the grapevine, on why and how come, gets blown out of proportion. I think this would be a great thing for all of us to keep track of who's where. The same goes for all other announcements. Let me know so I can pass them on to others in our association. Here's another one from left field, a "Letter to the Editor" column. I'm open to suggestions, let's give it a try. If you have a comment on something, let's get it straight, as long as it's in good taste and professional.

Member-Generated Articles

I would like to say, so far so good. Member articles have been higher this year than last. But, and I'm sorry to say

this, I want more!! I have to thank Mike Brower on his continued support and great articles he's shared with all of us in *Hole Notes*. Everybody has the capability of writing at least one good book. I heard that some place a long time ago. Well, when you think of it, an article should be a breeze! Send me articles so we can put them in *Hole Notes*. The experiences you've had can help all of us. Remember, we are an association of professionals; what we can share with each other is the most helpful tool of all!

Just a Thought

As your tulips and other perennials break ground, please take the time to see and feel how precious life is. Even as simple as it may be, it's the start of a new beginning. The day-to-day grind, and the hustle and bustle sometimes makes the time go by so fast and it's easy to miss it. Just remember why we are doing what we are doing. In short, take the time to smell the roses!!

With sympathy, we extend our condolences to Mike Klatte, CGCS, of Elm Creek Golf Links of Plymouth whose wife, Gail Marie, died on March 21 after a brave 11-year battle with cancer. A memorial service was held March 25.

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Have a great Spring, see ya next month.

—Steve Shumansky
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