

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Summer Stress?

Has it hit you yet? Has the greenspeed thing been brought to your attention yet? It sure has mine. Has the weather been screwing things up for you? We all enjoy a little rain, thunderstorms we can do without, at least the lightning. And the above average rainfall in May has certainly set some things back. Another early start as far as opening, a few warm days, and then, rain and cool temps has set the poa back a bit. For me here in west central Minnesota, I had some poa check out on me, and trying to over-seed seemed to be somewhat of a lost cause because of the cool nights and soil temps not where I would have hoped. We all try to do our best, but we are all at the mercy of the weather. Something I remember someone once said, "There are those who have lost turf, and there are those who will." Just remember in the scope of things, it's only grass, don't beat yourself up over it, it'll grow back after a while. I'm no expert, but I have learned, just do what you can do.



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Some relaxing times I hope everyone that enjoys doing, does!! I don't know what it is about water that relaxes us so much. Be it pleasure boating, fishing or both. Loading the family up in the boat or going fishing with a few buddies. Just being out on a lake brings on a mellow feeling that makes us relax, and for those of us who fish, it has a bonus!! Something good to eat!! Fishing opener here in west central Minnesota was rather good this year. Of course there wasn't anything caught for the wall here, but we sure had enough for a few meals. A nice fire and wild-life to enjoy. I hope wherever you went, you had an enjoyable experience, too!

Salary Survey

By now I hope you have received your results on the salary survey conducted this spring and find it useful for your needs. And at this time I would like to thank E. Paul Eckholm CGCS, and the rest of the research committee for their efforts in calculating the salary survey for the MGCSA. In talking with Paul over the past couple of months, he spent some time on it. I thought it was done in a way, well, easy to read and understand. There was no reason to get really nit picky on every detail. Short, sweet and to the point. Works for me!! And I hope it works for you as well.

Summer Vacation?

Have you planned one yet? Well...have you? I think I'll spend mine growing in a new nine holes...but before the tough times, I'm gonna take a break. I hope you do as well. Just remember, your golf course will still be there when you get back, and you're not going to impress anybody by saying, "I only had three days off so far this year." They're gonna think your nuts! Life is way too short. So plan on getting away from it all for a while and have fun and enjoy. With that I'll close. Keep smiling!

—Steve Shumansky
Editor



HEAD PROFESSIONAL Tom Kristo, left, and his assistant Brent Heit, handled the scoring at the May Mixer at Hillcrest CC.