EDITOR'S CORNER

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Time For A Little R & R?

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to readjust our schedules. For many of us it means we actually get weekends off!! As in all of them for a few months. A little more time to spend with our families, start a winter project, or finish up that one we didn't quite wrap up before our spring rush. Or maybe you're like me and have a mountain of wood that needs to be split before winter is here to stay. Whatever it might be, take some well-deserved time off, sleep in an extra hour or two once in while. Just remember, most of our clubs don't realize how many hours we actually put in during a season, so if you don't take time off and relax this time of year. You won't have ample time to "recharge" your batteries.

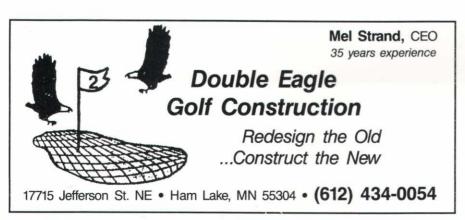
A Hunting We Will Go

For many of us, by the time you're reading this, our duck and deer hunting experiences are past us already for the season. Regardless how your hunt was or will be, take in all that nature has to offer. I know that for all of us being ambassadors of nature, we have a great deal of respect for nature. So it's easy for us to enjoy. I cannot stress enough, I hope everyone has or had a safe hunting experience!! Soon our lakes will have a layer of ice over them, and hopefully they will freeze enough to walk on to get a little early ice fishing done. Just be careful in the early weeks. As the DNR states, the ice is never completely safe, so be careful!! If you have a fish house you're putting out, make sure it's ready to go in plenty of time, I know I've done some remodeling of mine already. I just can't figure out how to string cable TV out there yet...ha ha.

The MTGF Turf Conference & Trade Show

Yes, it's also that time of year again. Time to learn a few things, time to see our friends that have, for the most part, only been a voice on the phone most of the season. Time to recertify for our pesticide license. And also check out what's new for the 2000 season at the Trade Show.

I especially look forward to seeing friends that I didn't have a chance to see this past season and find out what's been going on with them. After looking at the roster of speakers and such, this should be one of the best shows ever. If you haven't booked a room in Minneapolis yet, you better get on it; they



are filling up fast. Don't forget about our MGCSA Annual Business Meeting on Thursday the 9th at 4:45 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at the show and meeting!! With that I'll close. See ya next month.

Steve Shumansky Editor



HOSTS AT ALBION RIDGES Head Superintendent Brooks Ellingson, left, and his assistant Leroy Wurm.

Upcoming GCSAA International Golf Course Conferences

2000

New Orleans, Louisiana February 14 -20

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Dallas, Texas February 11-17

2002

Orlando, Florida February 3-9

2003

Atlanta, Georgia February 9-15

2004

San Diego, California February 9-15

2005

Orlando, Florida February 6-12