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From Your President's Desk

150 Members Attend March Mini-Seminar



The March mini seminar was a great success. We had about 150 of your fellow members there for the construction presentations. I would like to thank all of the speakers who took the time to prepare a presentation for us. Also included in the seminar was a presentation by Sandy Queen, CGCS from the GCSAA, about the proposed PDI issue. About 75 people listened to the speech and about 50 participated in the discussion afterwards. Mr. Queen felt that the final form of this controversial proposal will be different from how it looks today. I certainly hope so or I, for one, will not support it.

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In my last letter to you I mentioned the proposed legislation to ban the use of Phosphorous in the Metro Area. After two days of lobbying and then two days of testimony before the Senate and House agricultural committees, I was able to get the bill laid over to next session. What this means is that the issue is not dead but only postponed until next session. We have been directed by the committees to work with the Department of Ag to try to come up with a bill that we will be able to get behind. In my mind that means that we will be trying to get golf courses removed from the legislation. If you have any other thoughts, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss the issue. I need to take this opportunity to thank the MGA for all of their help with this issue. They were kind enough to have their lobbyist lead me around the legislature and put me in contact with the people we needed to see. This help was invaluable to our efforts. Thanks!!

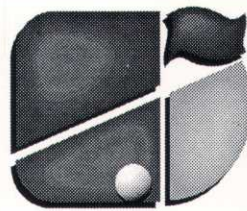
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The arrangements committee is having trouble finding sites for the monthly meetings as well as the golf events. If you are willing to have your course host an event, please call Tom Meier and let him know that you want to host an event. Days of the week are now flexible so please see if you can help out the association. We don't ask you to do it more than once every ten years or so.

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Please plan on attending the April meeting in River Falls. Dr. Powell will be giving us a presentation and I am sure that Dan Swenson will have the course in great shape. Hope to see you there.

- E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS
MGCSA President



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