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# *From Your President's Desk* As We Ring In The New Year It Will Again Be My Pleasure To Serve As Your President



As we ring in the new year it will again be my pleasure to serve as your president. I would like to thank all of those who took the time to come to the Annual Meeting and elect the slate of candidates as well as to take an interest in the association. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest board members, Barry Hines and Dan Swenson. We look forward to the fresh ideas these two gentlemen bring to the Board. The Board will be holding its first meeting of the new year in early January and will set the years agenda at that time. If you have any concerns about the association, please call me or any of the board members. We are here to represent you.

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The State Legislature will soon be convening a new session and the phosphorous bill is sure to reach the floor. Our hope is that the last 12 months worth of lobbying will not be in vain. We have worked hard to craft a bill that we will be able to work through and I for one hope that the back room deals do not foil our work. I have asked Paul Diegnau, CGCS of Keller Golf, to represent us on the MDA regulatory board. This group works through the MNLA to help steer the Department of Ag in the right direction when outbreaks of disease or insects affect our landscapes. The current concern of this committee is the spread of the Japanese Beetle and how to limit the extent of the infestation. Thanks go out to Paul for accepting this appointment.

The Annual Conference put on by the MTGF was a great success. There were some minor glitches, like room sizes and registration forms, but we are well on our way to correcting those problems and hope to have a better show next year. The Education committee is already hard at work developing the programs and securing speakers for next year's show. We are pushing hard for some big name people since we will not have the automatic draw of the recertification day.

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The Arrangements Committee just about has the whole year's schedule mapped out. When final, it will be posted on the Web and printed in *Hole Notes*. Please mark your calendars with these dates and try to attend the meetings. It is well worth the time.

--Respectfully, Paul Eckholm, CGCS

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