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From Your President's Desk

Securing Meeting Sites On Top of Agenda



It is the middle of the summer and probably about time to get off of the philosophy train and get down to some business. By the time you read this, James Johnson and his staff will have hosted the Scholarship Scramble. At the time of this writing the turnout was very good with more teams signed up than we had anticipated. Thanks for all of the hard work by James and his staff in preparing for this event. Thanks also to the Scholarship Committee for all of the leg work in securing the site and all of the necessary preparations.

The Board has been quietly conducting the business of the association these past few months with fiscal responsibility in mind. We have approved a budget for the coming fiscal year (it began June 1 and goes through May 31, 2001) that has a very small surplus. I know what you are thinking, that we just had a dues increase so why don't we have a big surplus? Well the increase in dues was to cover known shortfalls and not to feather our bed. We are not the government who feels the need to take too much of our money only to have to find a way to waste it later. I am of the opinion that a small increase in dues every couple of years is fairly easy to tolerate and would support a movement to that end.

If I were to try to determine the biggest problem the association has at this time it would be securing sites for our monthly meetings and for our three golf events. I am able to speak from the high ground on this topic since Heritage Links hosted the Championship two years ago. We don't come calling that often, once every ten years or so, so please consider hosting one of these events. Contact the arrangements Chairman Tom Meier or Mike Brual if you would be willing to help your association.

I would like to remind you of the MTGF golf outing at U of M Les Bolstad Golf Course. Please attend and support the MTGF. And if you have not heard, Bob Mugas has resigned to return to his extension position and Larry Vetter, a long time member and past president of this association, has been named executive director of the MTGF. Congratulations Larry and good luck.

Are you getting close to retirement? If you have been a voting member for 25 years, or a board member, you are eligible for Class AA life membership at no charge to you. Contact Scott at the Association office today for information.

Respectfully,
Paul Eckholm, CGCS



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