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From Your President's Desk

Perfect Day for Championship At Interlachen Country Club



What a perfect day for golf. My staff is currently in the middle of preparations for the annual Breast Cancer Charity golf event held at my club. The conditions should be perfect for a fun and fulfilling event. The temperatures have subsided and the rain threats are a week away, much as they were for the Annual Superintendents Championship held at the Interlachen Country Club. Host Superintendent John Katterheinrich had the golf course in excellent condition. The greens were slick as glass and the rest of the course was in an equally well prepared condition. It was certainly a day for home field advantage as most of the participants from the Interlachen staff went away with prizes, including the Championship itself which went to our host, Mr. Katterheinrich. Congratulations John!

By now all of you should have received the final form of the GCSAA PDI proposal. I hope that you have had a chance to go through it thoroughly. Included in this mailing is an informal poll on your feelings toward this GCSAA initiative; please take a minute to fill it out and fax it back to the association office so that our Voting Delegate, Mike Brower, can pass along those feelings to the association voting delegates meeting in early September. Remember this is your association and we are committed to voicing your feelings and voting according to your wishes.

As I explained last month and will continue to comment on until December, we will be taking a formal vote at the Annual Meeting to determine the percentages for and against this GCSAA PDI proposal. If you want your voice heard, you should plan on attending the annual meeting. This PDI initiative affects every member of the association through classification changes, entry requirements or the continuing education requirements, so be sure you understand all of the implications.

Just some notes on what is happening. We will again be involved in the political process this fall working with the Department of Agriculture to influence the Phosphorous ban legislation. Again this year the MGA has graciously offered their help and their lobbyist to assist us in this endeavor. We are continuing to build stronger ties to the University and are working hard to figure out ways we can make the U of M an excellent source of useful turfgrass research information. If you have any ideas for research projects you would like to see done, contact the research committee or Dr. Powell at the University. Incidentally, the Research Plot Field Day was fairly well attended. There are many more projects going on than would be imagined through which some quite useful information should come. Look for a summary of our supported research in this year's research summary which will be available at the annual meeting.

Keep your mental health and family in mind as the heat of the season draws to a close. In the end, all we really have is friends and family.

--Respectfully,
Paul Eckholm, CGCS

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