



Editor's Corner

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Where O Where Has the Sunshine Gone, Where O Where Can It Be?

What a gloomy start to the golf season. It seems like the sun will never show its face for more than a day or so. On the positive side as I look out my office window the sun is shining very brightly. I also have a pair of Martins nesting in my martin house. I have been trying for several years to attract them, I hope they have success with their young ones.

Good Readin'

One of my favorite trade journals to read is the USGA Green Section Record. It seems there is always an article of interest to me. The May/ June issue has to deal with the best turf tips of 2000. One article describes the use of a green's mower with flags, cup cutter and accessories. It never ceases to amaze me the ingenuity of the typical superintendent. It just goes to prove that necessity is the mother

of invention. If your club's subscription isn't passed on to you, make sure it is, it's worth the time to read.

2001 ELGA

The GCSAA is looking for candidates for the Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards. The awards recognize golf course superintendents around the world who have demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship efforts on the golf course. Applicants are evaluated in the areas of resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education /outreach. There are three national winners, an international winner, up to three winners from each of GCSAA's 102 affiliated chapters and a number of merit winners. Applications are available from the May Golf Course Management magazine, participating sponsors, Golf Digest magazine or contact the GCSAA Service Center (800/472-7878) or on the GCSAA Web Site at, (www.gcsaa.org/environ/elga_form.html). Deadline for applications is October 1, 2001.

Ahh Poetry

*The hydraulic oil killed our green in streaks.
The damage could be visible for many weeks!
The members want the green fixed fast.
That putting green nursery will save my ... green!*

--Darin S. Bevard, USGA agronomist, in the May/June issue of the USGA Green Section Record

Keep 'em Coming

While Scott Turtinen does an excellent job of putting together our newsletter and getting articles from different data bases, we sure could use more articles from the membership. If you are a budding journalist, but are short of ideas, please give me a call I may be able to give you a topic or two to write about.

Drive for the U

The U of M Field days are coming up July 26.

The MGCSA office has mailed out the entry forms. If possible, please attend, it will give everyone a better idea of what is being accomplished over at the U of M. Dr. Jon Powell and his staff I am sure will be putting on a very informative program for one and all. This all ties into the Drive for the U Program we have been promoting. The Third phase of this program will be beginning shortly. While we appreciate all the donations so far, please consider committing some cash funds to help keep turf research in the state.

New Grandpa

Bill MacDonald, E-Z-GO Division of Textron, became a grandpa for the first time as his oldest daughter had a little baby girl named Mikayla Marie Gorman on May 18th. "I have a wife, four daughters and a grand-daughter. I am really at the back of the bus in my family," said Bill.

Have a Great Month!

I hope everyone has been able to cope with the weather this spring. Just remember there is a silver lining in every cloud. Have a great month and I'll see ya in the next issue.

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