



## Editor's Corner

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### Whoa, Who Left the Faucet On?

My heart goes out to all of you who have or had to deal with all the excess water this spring. I heard some real horror stories about flooding this spring and I hope all of you had good luck with your turf after the waters receded. The course I'm at was pretty much built on a gravel pit, so we're already pumping all the gallons we can to try and keep the turf alive. I don't remember which professor told me this, but in college we were told that 60-75% of all golf courses built, were built on land no one else could do anything with. With all the golf course construction that has taken place in the last 10 years, I don't know if that data is still accurate. However, keep in mind, you are not alone, and we are all pulling for you.

### Brackett's Crossing

It was nice to see so many members show up at our spring outing at Brackett's Crossing. Thanks to Tom Proshok, his staff, and coworkers for helping to make the outing a success. While I personally wasn't able to get out and play, I understand the course was in great shape.

Thanks also go out to Dr. Powell for filling us in on his greens cover study. He now has a couple of years into this study and is able to start drawing some conclusions from his data. If you were unable to attend his presentation, he will have the information available on our website this summer. Also he would like input for future variations to this experiment. This is the kind of information we are looking for with our "Drive for the U" program.

### GCSAA Logo Balls

As part of the 75th anniversary for the GCSAA, a display is being built to host as many member course logo balls as can be assembled. The GCSAA would like you to mail three logo balls from your club, one for the a display at the next GCSAA turf conference, and the other two to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the GCSAA Foundation.

Mail the balls to: GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Dr., Lawrence, KS 66049-3859.

If you have any questions about the logo ball display or any 75th anniversary programs contact: Judy Ventsa, 1-800-472-7878, ext. 419.

### GCSAA E-Commerce

At our last MGCSA board of directors meeting, we spent some time talking about the GCSAA and their involvement into E-Commerce. While I am not sure that this is the direction our organization should be pointing, one issue became boldly obvious. That is, that our local chapter relies heavily on local vendors. Our local vendors spend a large amount of time and money within our association and this type of spending might get cut if sales start to diminish due to internet competition. While we all have to deal with budgets and part of our job is to be fiscally responsible, please keep in mind that there is a cost to customer service, and whenever possible support our local vendors.

### Retraction

While we still want to congratulate Steve Shumansky on his new son, I incorrectly stated his name in last months Hole Notes. His name is Nicolas, (hopefully spelled right), not Nathan. Sorry Steve.

### Keep 'em Coming

Thanks to Norma O'Leary for her article on volunteer labor and Jack Kolb for his article on Mark Smith. Members submitting articles to the Hole Notes, helps give our publication a local flavor. Keep it up.

### Until Next Month

Good luck to those of you who will be participating in the Scholarship Scramble at Dakota Ridge. Jeff Johnson and his committee have done a great job of putting this tourney together and it should be a lot of fun. Hopefully, I'll see you there, if not I'll see you in the next issue have a great month.

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