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From Your President's Desk



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August Will Be A Great Month For Golf Enthusiasts in Minnesota

August will be a great month for golf enthusiasts here in the state of Minnesota. Paul Grogan, at the TPC of the Twin Cities, will host the 3M Championship for the Senior PGA the first week of August. A week later, the PGA visits Hazeltine National to compete for its championship. Jim Nicol, CGCS, superintendent at Hazeltine, has been busy preparing the golf course for an event that could have the focus of the golf world. Having known Jim since he was the superintendent at Bunker Hills, he will approach the tournament with the same level of professionalism as he did when he was host superintendent for the Burnet Classic.

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Superintendents and their spouses can get into the PGA Championship by showing their GCSAA Gold Card at the will-call ticket window. Children can get in with their parents for \$10 on practice round days and for \$20 during the tournament. There will be an unmarked hospitality tent at the south end of the Jacklin Village below the white barn that superintendents and their guests can visit while at the event. The tent will be open during tournament hours and will close at 4 p.m. on Sunday. I would like to personally thank Jim for arranging the hospitality tent. Normally the PGA does not allow hospitality tents outside of its administration on the golf course. Jim was able to secure a site for the tent and also has helped to provide refreshments for visitors.

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Also in August is our own Superintendents' championship. Plan on bringing you're "A" game to Craguns Resort on August 26. Having just returned from Craguns, I would encourage you to bring your family with and spend Sunday there also. There will be a practice round available on Sunday, or just go up early and enjoy the lake. Tom Kientzle, Director of Golf at Craguns, has helped in making the arrangements. Thank you for allowing us to host our championship at your beautiful facility. Barry Provo, defending champion, should be back to defend his title that he won at Wayzata Country Club last year.

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In this month's Hole Notes, you will find an article on heat-related illnesses. Take the time to copy and post the article for your staff to read. This time of the year, our employees are susceptible to heat exhaustion. Watch for the signs and symptoms and plan accordingly.

Enjoy the remainder of the season.

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