

Editor's Corner

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A Wonderful Evening

I hope everyone had as nice a time as my wife and myself at the 75th gala anniversary celebration. It was a very enjoyable evening. There was an excellent turnout and the presentations of awards to some of the pillars of our industry were both entertaining and touching. The Golden Valley Country Club put together an excellent menu and the service was superb. I have to admit these types of events are not generally my cup of tea, but the company we had at our table was excellent, making for an extremely enjoyable evening. I would like to commend all those responsible for putting together the evenings' events, especially, Scott and Jeff Turtinen, Rick Fredricksen, CGCS, and Jack Mackenzie, CGCS. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend, I have gotten a lot of feedback that this type of event should happen annually, so maybe next year.

A Long Fall

The weather hasn't been all that great for golf this fall, but it

sure has been good for getting those late season dormant fertilizer applications and fall projects done. I hope everyone has taken advantage of the mild fall and gotten a few extra projects completed

Upcoming Events

Our next event is the Minnesota Green Expo. It is being held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Wednesday, January 8 through Friday, January 10, 2003. This event is being held in cooperation with the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation and the Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Foundation. This promises to be an excellent event. The educational opportunities have expanded and the trade show has over 350 companies with 750 booths. Look for a flyer in the mail, or go to www.minnesotagreenexpo.com for more information or to register.

Winter/Water Planning

As you all go into winter mode and start planning for next year, one of the issues to consider is the way your drinking water is handled on the golf course. This has become a hot topic lately due to the death of a 15-year old boy in Phoenix. It appears he died from a Norwalk-type virus that he caught from drinking water at the Cactus and Pine Golf Course. The Maricopa County Environmental Health Services Division set some guidelines and requirements for organizations in that county and they are available on line at www.maricopa.gov.

Cactus and Pine golf course found it less expensive to convert to permanent water dispensers, and their design is at www.cactusandpine.com.

Safe Hunting?

I hope everyone that went deer hunting had success. As is the case many years, while I had a wonderful experience, it wasn't because I watched any deer run past my stand. This year as a matter of fact the rain on the first weekend of the season cut our experience a little short, as my group all got a bit wet on Sunday morning. The other guys I hunt with did have some success however, so with a little luck I'll be able to eat jerky soon.

Turf Talk

Don't forget to use all your resources when planning for the 2003 season. The University of Minnesota has been very generous in giving us Turf Talk, so lets all keep it active. To access it go to mgcsa.org and click on Turf Talk or go through Dr. Horgans web site.

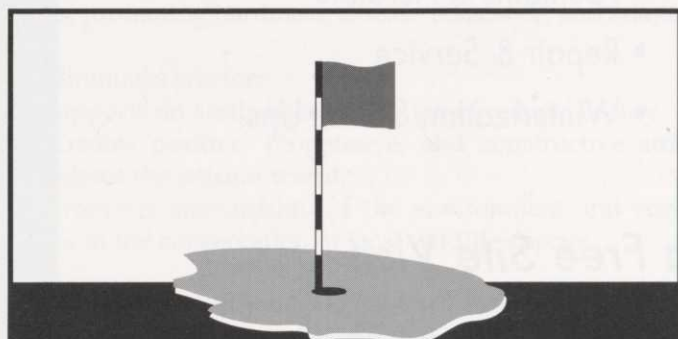
Just Married

Ross Pudenz was married to Hanna Weissinger in Durand, Wis., this past October. The reception, dinner and dance were held in Eau Claire. Ross is the Superintendent at St. Croix National Golf Club in Somerset. Our congrats go out to Ross and Hanna Pudenz. The couple now resides on a great duck pond outside of Durand. Ross was an Assistant Superintendent for two years at Wild Ridge and Mill Run Golf Courses in Eau Claire.

Happy Holiday's

My wife Barb, my daughter Maggie and I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

-- Rick Traver
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