



Editor's Corner

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Super Conference

I hope everyone who attended the GCSAA annual turf conference in Orlando had a great experience. Personally I had a real enjoyable time in Orlando. I attended a couple of half-day seminars, one on time management that should come in handy, and was able to visit the trade show the one afternoon it rained. All while still arranging to see my 5-year old daughter visit Mickey and Minnie, getting their autographs. Maggie smiled the next five days. I don't know what experiences everyone else has had at the Disney-run facilities, but they must have appreciated the fantastic human resources department. I can honestly say that considering all the Disney employees we had contact with, not one was cross or for that matter indifferent. Everyone was

polite and helpful.

Olympics

Has everyone been watching the winter Olympics? This may be a dumb question, and maybe no one but me cares, but why is the television coverage so sparse. I tried to turn it on one weekend and there was absolutely no coverage until 7:00 pm. It seems to me that the television coverage of the Olympic games in years past allowed us to turn on the tube just about any time and catch something happening. This year you get more "gobble-gook" about the Canadian figure skating team or "Skate-gate", and how they were robbed than you do about any thing else. Maybe they were robbed and of course it makes good copy for the newsreels, but couldn't we see at least a little of the other stuff. From what I understand there are over 80 different winter Olympic sports now and we only get to see about a third of them. If you are interested in curling, you are lucky if you can get a quick shot of information or a highlight during the late night broadcast. From what I understand there have been some exciting matches. Sorry for venting, but I appreciate the opportunity.

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Dr. Brian Horgan and the University of Minnesota have given us a great opportunity. They have set up an interactive message board called "Turf Talk in Minnesota." It is set up in much the same manner as the interactive site with the GCSAA, but will allow local superintendents the opportunity to discuss turf issues relevant to the area. Dr. Horgan will moderate the site and encourages us to be active on the site. I am sure it will take some time for it to be real active but please take advantage of this great opportunity the University of Minnesota has offered us.

Sorry Jack

I would like to take a second to apologize to Jack MacKenzie, CGCS for his article last issue. Jack took the time to write an article for our publication and we goofed up in the continuance of the article onto other pages. It made for some difficult reading. Member participation is what will make this publication great, and we certainly don't want to alienate one of our contributors. So sorry, Jack, and please keep the articles coming.

What a Crazy Winter

As March approaches the days are getting longer - almost 11 hours now. Make good use of your time left in the shop; soon we will be going full force, with so little snow, maybe sooner that we want. I hope to see all of you at the Mini-seminar on March 6th.

-Rick Traver
Editor



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