



Editor's Corner

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It's a Wonderful Life!

As I write this there is a cool front that just moved through, I have my office window open feeling the cool breeze and am looking out at a beautiful sunrise. It's a wonderful life!

We have gotten just enough water the last couple of weeks so the irrigation doesn't need to run, but not so much things are soggy. It's a great job!

I just came in from cutting cups; the greens were v-cut today and double cut, leaving a great ball roll. I got three compliments on the greens from members. It's a wonderful life!

I just walked through the clubhouse lounge hearing laughter and seeing happy faces. This is why I chose this profession!

The sun is setting and my little girl asks if I'll watch Charlotte's Web with her. Not my 1st choice for a movie, but you can't beat the company!

Here's hoping every one of your days this summer went like mine.

Father's Footsteps

A doctor friend of mine told me this story the other day about his young son. On the way home from daycare he had left his stethoscope on the car seat, and his little boy picked it up and began playing with it. All right, my friend thought, my son is going to follow in my footsteps. Then the child spoke into the stethoscope: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

Bob Merchant

It is with deepest regrets that we have to announce, to those of you whom have not already heard, that Bob Merchant has passed away. A long time employee of Turf Supply, Bob died on June 6th after a short bout with cancer. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Take Your Daughter to the Course Week

The third annual Take your Daughter to the Course Week is scheduled for July 8-14. The program is part of the National Golf Course Owners Association's Get Linked Play Golf player development program.

Last year, more than 350 courses and 8000 junior girls participated in activities ranging from clinics to fashion shows and tournaments. For more information go to NGCOA's player development web site, <http://www.getlinkedplaygolf.com>

Thanks Dan!

Thank you Dan Hanson for offering the St. Cloud Country Club for the Scholarship Scramble. We had 27 teams participate and although it was a bit overcast, it was a great day to play golf.

U of M Field Day

The next event scheduled for our association is the U of M Field Day, scheduled for July 25th. What a great opportunity to find out more about the new Turfgrass Research, Outreach and Education Center (TROE), as well as the progress all the staff is making on research projects at the U. I'm sure Dr. Powell and Dr. Horgan have plenty to show us and talk about. Come out and share in the info. and camaraderie.

—Rick Traver, CGCS
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