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## From Your President's Desk



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MGCSA President

## Here's How We Serve Our Membership

I have been a member of our local Superintendents' Association now for 23 years. For approximately half of that time I have been involved either as a committee member or serving on the Board. I am often asked, "What does our Association do for the membership?" This can be best answered by our mission statement: *"The objective of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association is to advance the art and science of Golf Course Management, to collect and disseminate among member Superintendents practical solutions to problems with a view to more efficient and economical maintenance and production of golf courses, and to promote the welfare of the Superintendent and the profession."*

**We as a Board are committed to providing our membership with the education and training that is necessary to advance our members in this profession.** We support the educational facilities throughout our region to provide research, training and outreach programs for our member clubs. We serve the broader membership both locally and beyond the metropolitan area to enhance the quality of both the superintendent and the staff and also the club they work for. This mission can best be accomplished when individuals commit to the time necessary to be involved in the leadership of an association. We have a great group of individuals with a vision and confidence that will lead our Association for many years.

Approximately 12 years ago the Association asked the Affiliate membership to elect two of their members to serve on our Board as liaisons. The input they provide the Board helps us understand issues that the vendors of our Association have. Joe Churchill and Ted Schirck are our Affiliate Representatives to the Board. Please contact either of them if you have comments.

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**With the Governor's signature, the Phosphorus Bill will become a law effective January 1, 2004.** Paul Eckholm, Brian Horgan, Bob Fitz, Larry Vetter, and Doug Carnevale (MGA's Lobbyist) all helped facilitate this bill. The bill addresses the application of phosphorus in the seven-county metro area. Golf courses that apply fertilizer containing phosphorous throughout the state of Minnesota. The MGCSA has formed an Ad-Hoc Committee of five members that will help draft the certification course for licensing. Paul will chair this committee along with Brian Horgan.

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**Scott Wersal did a great job of hosting our May meeting.** His staff had the golf course in superb condition for the opening event. Thank you Scott for hosting us. We look forward to our Scholarship Scramble to be held on June 17 at the St. Cloud Country Club. Dan Hanson will be the host superintendent.

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