



Editor's Corner

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What a Tournament!

I wasn't able to spend more than a couple hours at Hazeltine National Golf Club to watch the PGA Championship, but from what I saw Jim Nicol, CGCS, his staff and volunteers did an excellent job of preparing the golf course for this tournament. While the agronomics of preparing a course for this type of event have to be challenging, the logistics of managing that many people, as well as being prepared for events like the rainfall that dumped on Hazeltine Friday night is amazing. I can only imagine the thoughts running through everyone's mind when they came to work on Saturday morning to see the huge puddles of water and mud. Needless to say they were prepared and the event went off without further delay. Great Job!

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Just Call Me Jim "Mr. Media" Nicol

I would like to personally thank Jim Nicol for the excellent job he did with the local media. As expected, he did a wonderful job of showcasing not only his golf course, but our profession as well. I made a point of reading several articles that highlighted Jim, the PGA Championship or Hazeltine National, as well as watching news highlights, and in each and every instance Jim came off as the consummate professional. His professionalism made us all look good.

I would also like to thank Jim for arranging for the tent at the PGA Championship. I understand the food was great and the tent made for a safe haven for many who visited on Thursday morning during that day's rain showers.

Thanks Jim!

Keller's Comeback

The media was very complimentary of Golf Course Superintendent Paul Digneau, CGCS, as well. In the first installment of a 10-day golf segment leading up to the PGA Championship in the *Star Tribune*, Paul was given credit for bringing Keller Golf Course's playing conditions back to its previous glory. Great job, Paul!

Pesticide Recertification

Just a reminder, anyone who did not go through their pesticide license recertification last year will need to do so before December 31, 2002. The MDA, MGCSA and MTGF have been working to set up a couple of dates for recertification. There is one at our monthly meeting on October 7th at Mankato CC, another at Minnesota Valley CC, on October 15th and one more at Madden's Golf Resort on November 5th. The MTGF will be sending out registration sheets shortly.

Upcoming Events

Tom Kientzle, CGCS, was our host as we played the Legacy Course at Cragun's on August 26th. I personally enjoyed getting away to play a round of golf with my peers.

After that is the Stodola Scramble at Woodhill Country Club on Monday, September 23. Our host is the illustrious president of our association, Mr. Rick Fredricksen, CGCS. We would love to have a great turnout, so mark your calendars.

On a Sad Note

Our oldest MGCSA member, Gilbert Foster, passed away on August 11th at the age of 93. If you still have old copies of *Hole Notes*, Jack Kolb wrote a nice feature on Mr. Foster in May of 1997. His daughter, Kathy Stillman may be reached at 218-828-4052.

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