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Our monthly newsletter, Hole Notes, is a great communication vehicle for our membership. From the local and regional news written by our members, to national news pertaining to golf course management from the GCSAA, we stay abreast of current events and trends. I especially enjoy reading the columns written by our own members. Many of our members may not know that the Hole Notes is self-sufficient. The advertisers pay exclusively for the production and mailing costs of the entire magazine from the revenue received from the ads -including the nice, colored pictures.

To my dismay though, while reading our last month's Hole Notes, I came across an article written about a new golf course in Cloquet. The article was more advertisement then substance. An MGCSA member did not write the article and the "free" advertising was not about a member, either. Unfortunately, this slipped between the cracks. I am publicly apologizing to all our fine members who support our magazine because without you we would not be producing a 10months-a-year, informative, up-to-date magazine. Hole Notes is a great vehicle to keep abreast of the happenings of the MGCSA Board as Rick Traver "Muses the Minutes" each month. Also, by reading *Hole Notes*, you realize that similar things happen to other superintendents - like Jack MacKenzie wrote last month.

I do not take our affiliates lightly. Besides carrying our monthly newsletter, our affiliate members help better the association through research and scholarship contributions and by supporting our monthly meetings. A portion of affiliate dues help support our hospitality meeting at the National each year. It was no wonder I received numerous e-mails about the article. The e-mails were not only from our affiliates, but our members that buy from them. To all of our members, we will be more diligent in our screening of articles for future issues of Hole Notes.

The President's message for the March Hole Notes, discussed the involvement of our service men and women in the war in Iraq. Regardless of how the military action is viewed, we have several members sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, in laws, staff members, and etc. that are actively involved. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they are called into service. Please let me know if you have children, relatives or staff members that are stationed here or overseas. E-mail me at r_fredericksen@msn.com. We would like to be able to write or e-mail them.

In closing I wish you all the very best this fall and encourage you to participate with your State Chapter of the GCSAA. It wouldn't be the same without you.

> Your President. Rick Fredericksen, CGCS

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