



Musing the Minutes

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I have just returned from the "People vs. the Pro" event at North Oaks and want to thank Jack MacKenzie, CGCS and company for preparing the golf course. Thanks also to Dave Oberle for bringing this event to Minnesota. It was a wonderful time, a beautiful golf course, and despite a cold start, turned into a great day.

I would also like to thank Jeff Vinkemeier for hosting our Spring Mixer and our most recent Board of Directors meeting. Despite again a cool windy start it was a great time. Since I am supposed to write about the Board meeting, without further ado here is the info on the latest MGCSA Board of Directors meeting. It was held on Monday, May 17th at the Glencoe Country Club.

The business office reports that the Membership Rosters have been mailed. Any late entries or new members will now be included in the Hole Notes magazine

and formatted to fit into your three-ring binder.

Scott Turtinen also reports that we will be receiving service points from the GCSAA for attending all MGCSA functions. While they could be as little as .1 point it all adds up.

Dave Oberle reports that they have received \$13,650 on the new fundraiser. He has been aggressive with the fundraising committee to generate new revenues for the MGCSA, Research and Scholarships. The fundraiser asked vendors to sponsor a hole during the year for each of our golf events. While much of the money will go to the research and scholarship events, there was some discussion about how the balance should be spent. It was decided that the balance should be used for external activities or the promotion of our association. Please thank all the sponsors as you see them for promoting our association's activities.

In other news Rick Fredricksen, CGCS reported that he was just recently inspected by the MDA and that the factory air gap on older sprayers no longer conforms to standards. It must be an air gap such that your hand can pass through it. Look for more on this issue in the future.

Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported that the governor signed the phosphorus bill, so all superintendents in the entire state have to be certified to apply phosphorus to their golf courses. He also stated that the Lakes association is being very aggressive in trying to stamp out the use of phosphorus completely, which would mean on golf courses, in soaps etc...

Dr. Horgan introduced Dr Watkins and they announced that despite a poor showing last year there would be a Field Day at the U of M. It is scheduled for July 29th, so mark your calendars and let's show our support for the U of M and the effort the guys are putting out for this event

I hope all is well with everyone and your courses are recovering from the winter despite this cold spring. Thanks again to Jack and Jeff for hosting events and for all the effort in prepping your courses for us to enjoy.

Have a great month!

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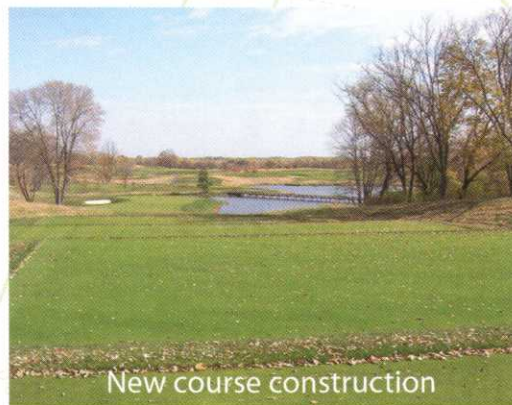
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