



Presidential Perspective

by Roger Stewart, CGCS Superintendent at TPC Twin Cities

Finally, we can see a little spring in the air and golf courses are open for business. It's a welcome relief for most of us and the smell of fresh cut grass feels great! I hope all our MGCSA members came through the winter in good condition.

There doesn't seem to be much chatter about winter injury of any consequence and I will take that as an indicator of a great season ahead. MGCSA has another active calendar this year and now is a great time to volunteer to help your association with these activities.

If you want to step outside your comfort zone, meet MGCSA members and greet ones you already know, then we could always use some help at the registration table. If you have ever helped with this, you know there are a lot of balls in the air and Jack MacKenzie can always use a hand. No long

commitment, just offer to help when you can. It's a great way to get involved with your association. Of course, we always welcome some help on a committee level as well. A small commitment, but a great return on investment.

Starting off this year, we have the MGA Spring Turf Seminar sponsored by Reinders on May 6 at Edina Country Club. This is quickly becoming a popular event to bring superintendents, golf professionals and club managers together at the beginning of the season to hear about how we all fared the past winter and what may be challenging in the coming season. I look forward to going every year.

Members of the Board of Directors will be hosting our annual golf event with our Affiliate members on May 12 and look forward to the fellowship of the golf and the discussion after lunch with those that provide needed

support for MGCSA each year. It's a fun event, and a great way to say thanks. Coming up after that is one of the most important events of the year for MGCSA, The Scramble.

The Scramble is scheduled for June 2nd at Dellwood Country Club. This is a great venue that presents a perfect opportunity to invite members of your club, club officials, owners, players, family or anyone else who sees the value in turfgrass research at the U of M and the scholarship opportunities MGCSA provides for future superintendents and our own members families.

This event is also a great opportunity to get a foursome together with fellow superintendents for friendly competition and support the Scholarship and Research that gives back to your profession. Send in your registration today and be part of a great event at a great venue.

It is not too early to start thinking about playing in the Wee One Foundation fund raiser October 13 at Brackett's Crossing. The Wee

One Foundation events are quickly becoming the "must attend" event across the country and the one we host here in the Twin Cities grows in attendance each year.

Start putting your foursome together now and consider donating a raffle prize for this event that benefits our peers facing serious medical and health challenges. Jack MacKenzie works with Dale Parske, Tom Proshek, John Meyer, Paul Diegnau and the Wee One Foundation each year to make this event unforgettable. Don't be conspicuous by your absence, join us for a great day for a great cause. I promise if you come this year, you will want to come every year!

MGCSA is ramping up for a busy season and it looks like our courses are off to a great start as well. If MGCSA can be of assistance to you, our members, in any way this season please don't hesitate to contact myself, any member of the Board of Directors or Jack MacKenzie.

All the best for a great season.