

Presidential Perspective

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Someone who has lived in Minnesota all their life

told me that last winter was more like a Minnesota winter. So does that mean we are back into the typical Minnesota-type winter cycle? That's two of those in a row followed by two slow spring warm ups. I wouldn't mind having a bit longer winter or slow spring start if everyone else was good with it as well. Right now it just seems to make people a little less patient and a little whinier. Glad we are moving on to summer even if it didn't really happen until almost June.

Speaking of June, I hope everyone who wanted to play in the Scramble got their team together in time for the event. This is a great opportunity to play with some of your members,

golfers, friends or colleagues and support MGCSA Scholarships and Turf Research at the U of M.

This year's event at Dellwood Hills Country Club was the perfect venue for an enjoyable day of golf. Thank you to Dellwood Country Club, the clubhouse staff as well as Eric Peterson and his staff for a great day.

Don't forget about the Wee
One event and another great day
to give back and raise money to
help our peers across the country
facing critical health issues. I can
think of no more noble cause than
to help fellow superintendents
during a crucial time in their lives
and the lives of their families.
Please register to play in this
year's Wee One at Brackett's
Crossing Country Club. Thank
you so very much to the entire
Brackett's Crossing Country Club

family for their generous support of this event.

Next month is a very busy month here at TPC Twin Cities as the Champions Tour comes to town once again for the 3M Championship. This is the only televised golf event that is held in the Twin Cities on an annual basis. Fortunately, the event has had tremendous support from 3M and has raised over ten million dollars for local charities here in the Twin Cities. We welcome anyone to come out and volunteer to help us during tournament week. Like the tournament, we depend on a staff of volunteers to help us provide the best playing conditions and shine a light on golf course management here in the Twin Cities. The fact that we try to have some fun and provide some great fellowship is just a plus for those who can help us. Hope to see you there!

In August, don't forget that the U of M Field Day is returning at the TROE Center. The date is August 7th and there will be some interesting things to see there including some of the results of the MGCSA member driven research that was started last year.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue of Hole Notes. Some great articles including one on ants and their control by Vera Krishek, and an interesting article about the fate of long term nitrogen applications.

Some good reads no doubt, as well as all the latest information on products from our Affiliate members and the companies they represent. Support those that support your association, it's a good thing to do!

It's Giddyup time!