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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

JOHN NYLUND

It's hard to believe that it is already aeration time. Where has the season gone? This summer has provided its share of concern for many superintendents. July was a month many superintendents would just as soon forget. It had just about every stress element a month could offer.

This summer has emphasized the need for a professional superintendent who can recognize problems and cope with the pressures of operating a golf course facility.

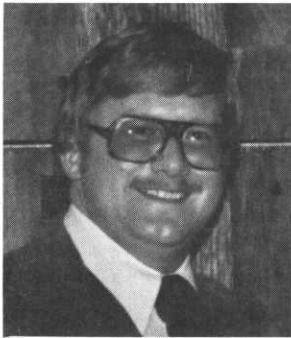
It has not been an easy year and I hope club officials will recognize the superintendent in some way and give him a special pat on the back.

This is the time of the year when job openings generally begin to appear. The policy of the M.G.C.S.A. is that the information for a head superintendent opening be submitted to the president who then checks out the facts with the club before an employment notice is sent out to the general membership. You have already received some notices by a special mailing. In the case of other employment openings, assistant superintendents, mechanics, etc., these openings are not covered by special mailings. We suggest a small advertisement in HOLE NOTES to fill this need.

The September scramble is filling up fast at Minikahda so get your entry in right away. It promises to be a really great day.

Our thanks to Dick Toupal and his North Oaks staff for providing a great day for our individual tournament last month. The winners will be introduced at the scramble tournament. Thanks to all who participated and made it a great day.

## TO SERVE IS TO GROW



by KERRY GLADER  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As I sit down to write this article, many different topics flow through my mind. I could write about sand topdressing on sixty year old greens, headaches with tight money, syringing (something we all know too much about right now), or disease. For some reason these topics seem dull, hum-drum, and nothing new. My experiences here in St. Cloud also seem unexciting and fairly routine. So, now having weeded through my mind I have still got a mental block

on what to write about. After paging through some of our past HOLE NOTES to see what other authors found to write about, I stopped at the page listing the officers and directors of the M.G.C.S.A. It made me think of my experiences as a director.

At last, my subject matter is to be on my position as a director and an opportunity to ask the membership to offer themselves for the upcoming elections in December.

When I joined the M.G.C.S.A. I was what seemed the youngest member. I attended meetings when it seemed convenient and they were close in location. Over the last eight years I have changed my attitude.

I never really expected to become part of the Board of Directors. I did not think I was qualified. Three years ago I was asked by then President Dennis Hendrickson to consider appointment to the Board of Directors. I took the opportunity and am very glad I did. The following year I was elected to a two year director position. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was excited at the possibilities. I offered myself for membership chairman and was given it. I feel I have benefited because of this by meeting new members and making friends of those already in the membership.

Now the tables are turned. I'm helping new members become part of this organization.

I have discovered many benefits of being an active member. My attendance has greatly improved but not because it is required. I feel like an equal associate of superintendents, young and old. There is some work involved, but I am giving to an organization that, in turn, gives to me. I cannot imagine not having the research and other programs available to us through our organization. I feel with an annual growth of ten percent, we continually bring in new ideas, new facilities to visit, new problems to solve and help with. But above all, we open ourselves to others for that support that we all need, especially after a year like 1983.

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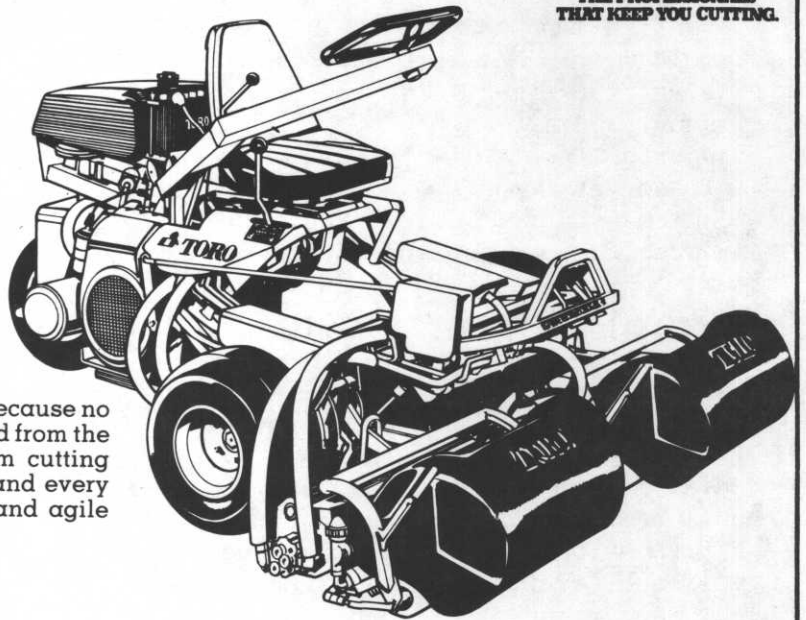
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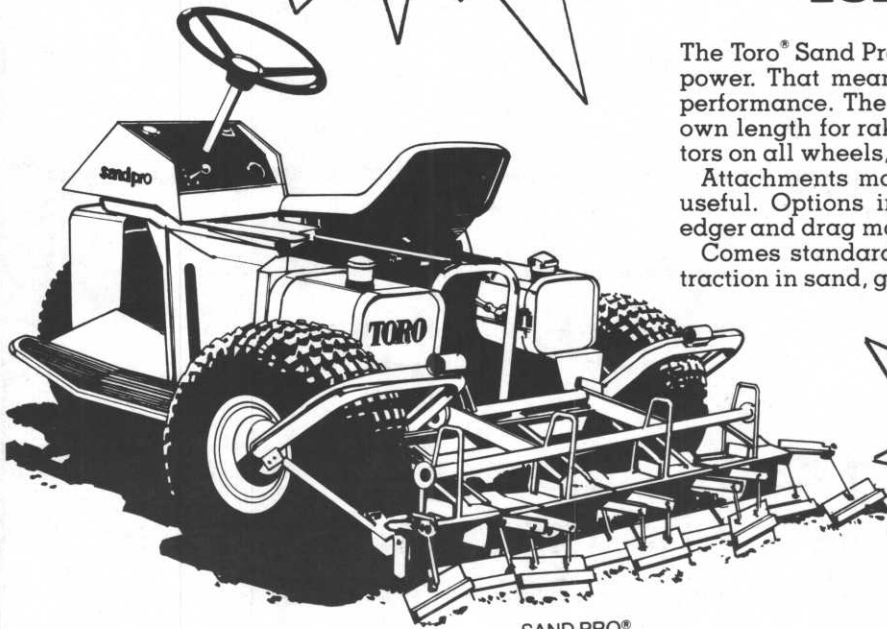


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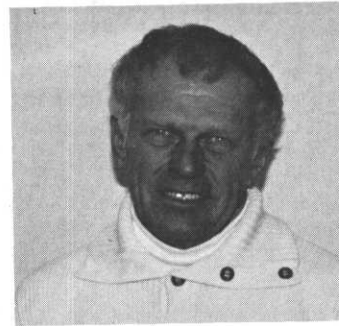
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What does this all add up to? Simply, that anyone interested does have the ability to make themselves available in becoming a part of the Board of Directors to help us in guiding this organization the way our membership would like to see it done. I will never regret the time I have spent and hope to spend. If you are offered the opportunity or wish to offer yourself, please let it be known to the Nominating Chairman Larry Mueller. You will benefit yourself, your job and our organization.

## EDITOR'S CORNER



by BOOTS FULLER  
EDITORIAL CHAIRMAN M.G.C.S.A.

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The stress of July and August has really been felt by a lot of us in the golf course maintenance business. Mankato has not been spared. Trying to deal with the "annual bluegrass syndrome" of Minnesota summers has been a severe test, at best, for many of us. I'm sure that most of us including yours truly will be anticipating the cooler temps and lower humidities. Even some rainfall would help. Two-tenths of an inch of moisture finally fell in the Mankato Golf Club

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area on the morning of August 15. The first appreciable amount since July 2. And there have been other places as bad and some, even worse. But better days do lie ahead. We just hope that we and our members have the patience to wait for them.

On a brighter side, the picnic at Baker Park was a super show. Great weather, good swimming and golf, fine food and hospitality as well as a good crowd all helped to make the day a memorable one.

The golf tournament at North Oaks also had a pretty decent day. Some early rain, then some heat and humidity but those in attendance got their golf in. Even those of us who only played three holes! But it was still fun. An excellent lunch and fine hospitality from Dick Toupal and the staff at North Oaks all made the day an enjoyable one. The outing at Minikahda in September will also be a good experience. Hope to see many of you there.

Many thanks to those of you who contribute articles for the HOLE NOTES. These are greatly appreciated. There

still is time for those of you who would like to contribute before the end of the year. Please contact me if you have something to share.

## NATIONAL CAR NICOL



by JIM NICOL, SUPERINTENDENT  
BUNKER HILLS GOLF CLUB

During the last four years Bunker Hills has been privileged to host the National Car Open. Our preparation is as follows: the greens are mowed daily at 9/64", the full perimeter is mowed the first day, then mowed in 1 foot the second day and skipped the third day. This schedule mentioned above is followed both pre and

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Sand 4070	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	86.9	12.4	0.1	\$6.00/ton
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Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents:

Over the years I have watched with respect the struggle to bring tees and greens through Minnesota winters. The problems seem to be random and varied, hitting some greens and not others, killing in some years and not in others. Some winters appear to be too dry and the grass is damaged by desiccation, while in other years it may be too wet and ice or water seem to do the damage.

Two years ago I asked Dr. Don White to help run a series of experiments with a variety of protection materials to see if we could identify a covering material that would be reliable in protecting greens and tees through Minnesota winters. Last winter we ran a series of experiments with the cooperation of Bill Johnson and Gerry Murphy to evaluate our product selections here. Experiments were also conducted in Saskatchewan, Nebraska, Kansas and Michigan. Although results were inconclusive (it was a very strange winter) we decided that certain geotextiles show real promise for turf protection over the winter season.

Work initiated two years ago by Dr. John Roberts, Turf Specialist, University of New Hampshire, using various covers over two winter seasons produced promising results with Dupont's spunbonded polyester "Reemay"®. See his letter on the reverse side for some of the benefits. This is the product we have decided to market.

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*Wayne Brock*  
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September 28, 1982

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- \* Date of Removal - Leave Reemay® on until you are ready to mow or open the course. In other words, as long as possible.

Sincerely,

John M. Roberts  
Extension Specialist, Turf

post tournament. Consequently, this helps relieve the "race track" effect perimeters of greens acquire during the year. During the first week of June we apply 2 lbs. of N per thousand square feet and aerify the second week of June. I have found the holes fill in faster and very little fertilizer is picked up. Four weeks prior to the tournament topdressing is applied lightly to help smooth the putting surface. During the tournament greens are vertical mowed lightly and double cut every night. Greens are then double cut in the morning to give us a true and smooth putting surface which measures 10 feet on the stemmeter. Because of the high sand content there is very little disease problem and fungicides are applied as needed.

Tees are mowed three times a week and every day during the tournament at 3/8". Aerification is done the first week of June with 1/2" tines. Fertilizer is applied at the rate of 2 lbs. per thousand square feet in June, end of July and September.

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## ASSOCIATES' CORNER

by MIKE REDMOND  
SCOTTS PROTURF

After working on a golf course in South Dakota all through high school, I attended Penn State University in 1966. Upon graduation I worked on a golf course in California for one season. Returning to the upper Midwest in 1969 I

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## TOURNAMENT REPORT

The M.G.C.S.A. 1983 Golf Championship was contested at the North Oaks Golf Club on Monday, August 15. The following are the results of the competition:

LOW GROSS: 73-Gary Peterson  
74-Dan Hanson, Mike Klatte  
LOW NET: 63-Orlan Quast  
65-Dave Zimmer  
LOW GROSS SENIOR: 76-Jerry Bibbey  
LOW NET SENIOR: 67-John Beyer  
LOW GROSS ASSOCIATE: 72-Larry Vetter  
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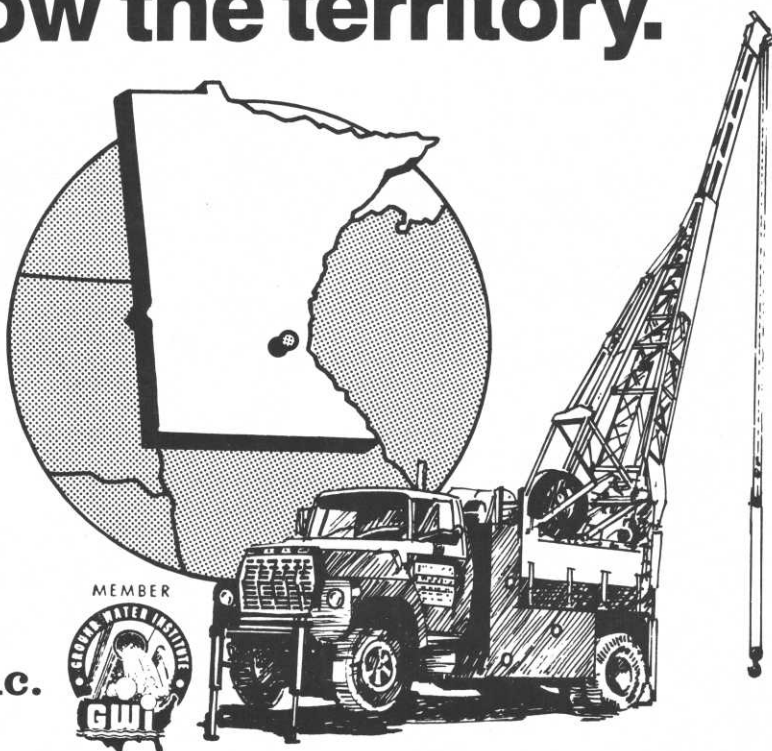
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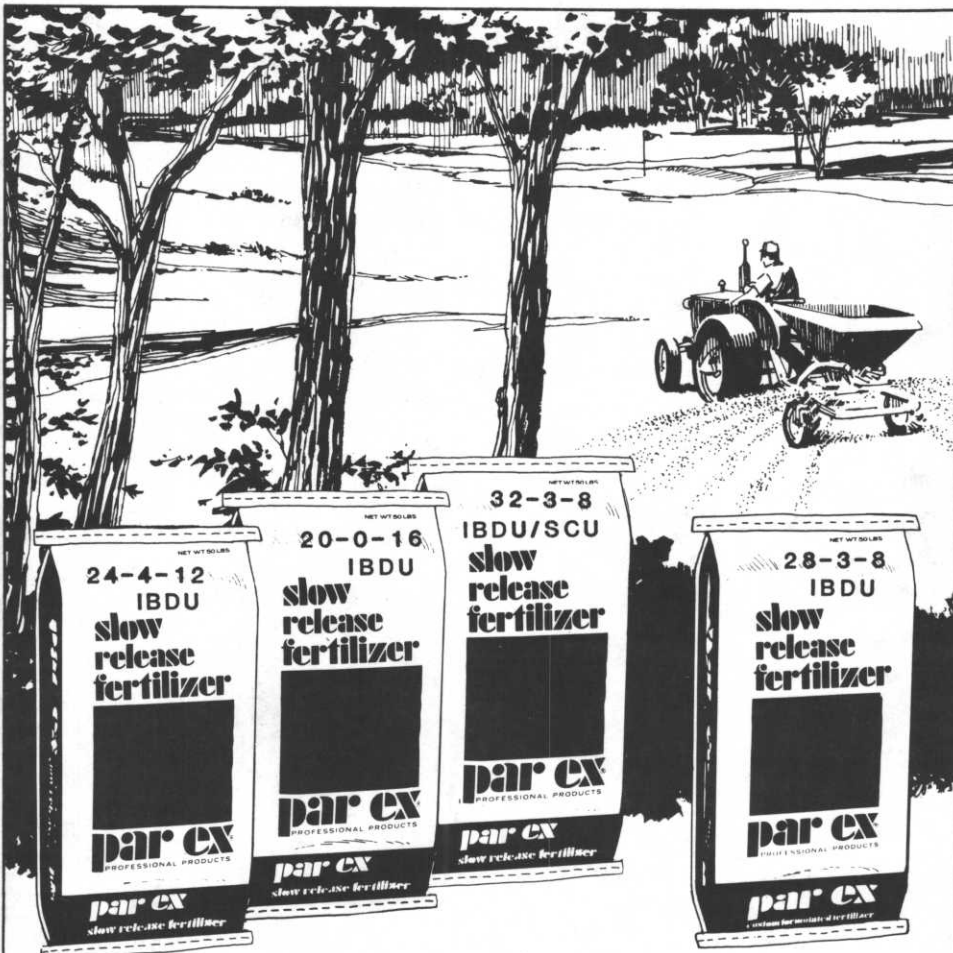


# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It has been several months since we have published the list of new members and reinstatements. We welcome the new members with a fervent wish that they become active and participating members in M.G.C.S.A.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Greg Hubbard, Class A, Manitou Ridge; Chester Wegner, Class A, Cimarron Golf Club; Richard Christianson, Class B, Shattuck Golf Course; John Haldeman, Class BII, Manitou Ridge; Jim Hasz, Class BII, Woodmore Golf Club; Tim Spencer, Class C, Town and Country Club; George Bryan, Class F, Bryan Equipment; Robert Neary, Class F, Neary Mfg. Co.; Robert Fredricks, Class F, Minnesota Toro Co.

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First-degree burns, those caused by hot water or steam, usually don't require medical treatment. Submerge the injured area in cold water (not ice) until the pain subsides, then blot the area dry with a sterile cloth and apply a dry dressing.

The same treatment is effective for second-degree burns. Second-degree burns usually can be identified by a red or mottled appearance and blisters. For third-degree burns, which look white or charred, don't immerse in water. Simply cover the burned area with a sterile dressing and seek immediate help.

Contrary to some folk remedies, you should not put ointments, butter or any other medicine on a burn.