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Management of Turfgrass Diseases, 2nd Edition is available for \$59.95 from Lewis Publishers, 121 South Main Street, P.O. Box 519, Chelsea, MI, 48118, 800-272-7737 (within the continental U.S.) or 407-994-0555 (outside the continental U.S.).

David McNally -

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EPA to Submit New Pesticide Regulations

The Environmental Protection Agency will submit to Congress within six months legislative proposals on pesticide use requirements, according to Carol Browner, EPA Administrator.

Browner said the proposals would focus on pesticide use reduction and on reform of the pesticide reregistration program, and would seek to improve pest management standards.

Browner made the remarks during an informal gathering of reporters.

Browner told the reporters that she wants "strong tools in terms of achieving a real reduction in pesticide use and in terms of putting responsibility on the chemical manufacturers in terms of getting out the information. We need to make decisions to provide the public health protection envisioned in the law in a timely manner."

EPA will submit a pesticide reform proposal that will include recommendations from EPA officials, the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As Browner explained it, the legislative proposals will alter the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

She added that those are the two laws that must be addressed to give the USDA, FDA and EPA the tools they believe are neccessary for pesticide reduction. Browner did not say to what extent the laws could be changed or how drastic the legislative proposals will be.

She did say, however, that she was deeply committed to

the proposals and that the agency considers pesticide reduction a vital component of the agency's current mission. Michael Scott of EPA's Office of Communications and Public Affairs and who oversees the golf industry on behalf of the agency told GCSAA that he expected the action to have little direct impact on the golf course management industry.

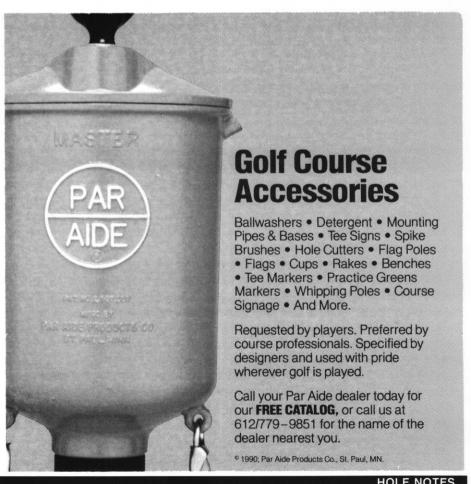
"It's (the action) probably not going to have any direct effect on non-food crops," Scott said. "The only indirect effect that I can see it would have would involve chemicals that are used on both food and turf. Those chemicals could be subject to follow-up regulatory review, but it's really too early to predict what might happen."

Additionally, Browner said she will tell Congress and the public which statutory deadlines are not achievable, such as some associated with the Clean Air Act.

"I have been going back to all the people who care about a specific deadline and are trying to work through in a voluntary manner what we can do in terms of prioritizing and meeting deadlines and avoid spending our money litigating each other," she said.

Browner also said that she conducted an agency-wide base budget review in an effort to allocate resources properly. Administrators before her, she said, have never conducted such reviews. The result of the review is that the fiscal 1995 budget request that EPA plans to submit to the White House Office of Management and Budget will reflect the agency's best judgment on how to allocate resources, she said.





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USGA Holds 7th Women's Mid-Amateur Championship at **Rochester Golf and Country Club**

1993 is the year that the USGA should have set up housekeeping in Minnesota. With the Walker Cup Matches held recently at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, it was time to move to the historic Rochester Golf and Country Club for the Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.

The original layout was designed in 1916 by Harry Turple, a golf professional from New Orleans who oversummered along the western shores of the mighty Mississippi River in Red Wing. Turple's design was a simple layout that featured sand greens. In 1925 famous golf architect



Rochester G&CC superintendent James Gardner, left, confers with Mary Kapouch, center, Women's Mid-Am Committee Chair and Maggie Giesenhaggen, Women's Affairs USGA.

A. W. Tillinghast (Tillie the Terror) was brought in to completely re-design the Rochester site. Tillie was one of the most colorful characters in the history of golf. It is also thought that A. W. coined the term "birdie" to describe a hole shot in one less than par.

With the golf course being built in the 1920s, many horse and mule drawn "Frisco Scrapers" were used to contour the hilly site. During the 1930s over 5,000 evergreens of all different varieties were planted. These mature trees have since grown to become the trademark of this exceptional tract.

Environmentally-conscious Superintendent James Gardner, who is extremely well-versed in the history of amateur golf along with the design aspects of historic golf courses, had the golf course completely ready to accept the challenge. When the USGA accepted Rochester's invitation to hold the tournament a couple years prior to the event the Grounds Staff knew that this would be an enormous task. USGA tournament conditions are stringent. However, when your golf course is kept very similar to these conditions, the stress to come up with tournament conditions is alleviated. The golf course is a delight to anyone who enjoys seeing wildlife, from raccoons staking out their territory in the bunkers, to an albino squirrel named "Balata" stalking the area around the 12th tee. Several deer were seen during the early morning hours of the tournament.

A. W. Tillinghast would have been proud to see the conditions that the contestants had. The bentgrass fairways had been keenly groomed all summer long and greens sheared to an eighth of an inch and rolling so true that the contestants and USGA tournament staff were in absolute awe of this architectural gem. Intermediate rough was so well-kept that some golf courses would be proud to have those areas as fairways. The bunkers strategically placed to gobble up an errant shot or placed to give you false depth perception of the target area. Then there is a certain bunker, a "big mouthed bunker" as quoted by several of the contestants on hole 7. It not only ate golf balls but it significantly added to the scores of anyone who happened to venture into its realm.

Anytime you have a major event at your facility, it helps to have a great Assistant Superintendent. Jeff Anderson filled these shoes very easily. Jim Gardner would be busy with the administrative work that has to be done with the running of a major event, so not only is a strong Assistant needed but an extremely talented and dedicated staff. And that's the case at Rochester Golf and Country Club Grounds Staff.

What is the magic that the USGA seems to have when it comes to Minnesota? With the Walker Cup Matches there was the 1.80" of rain. Now with the Women's Mid-Am there was thunder and lightning delays, temperatures started out in the upper 70's then suddenly plummeted down to the



"Balata" the squirrel

lower 40's, giving new meaning to locker-room towels to become turtle-necks to keep the contestants warm. The tournament week was supposed to be the most normal week of weather. Chalk that one up to Minnesota's theater of seasons.

With the tournament underway, the contestants found an extremely well-groomed golf course. Mary Kapouch, chairperson for the Women's Mid-Am put it simply: "The golf course was in superb condition. The players and officials were all talking about it." Sara Ingram, the eventual winner, offered these comments: "The golf course was perfect, everything was just great, the greens rolled true, and the layout was great." At the awards ceremony, it was plain to see the respect that the USGA and the membership of Rochester Golf and Country Club have for this Grounds Staff.

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For Paul, It's Been An 'A-Mayes-Ing' Golf Season Competitively

Paul Mayes, head golf course superintendent at The Links at Northfolk, carries a golf handicap of 3.

It appears that it's well-deserved. He certainly has had an amazing season competitively.

Paul, as you may remember, won the 1993 Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association individual championship on August 9 with a four-over-par 76 on his home course.

Then on September 7-8 he led Northfork's team of Jim Turnbull, Larry Peluf and Matt Petitclair to the Minne-

Stodola Scramble Results

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57	1st	7A	Paul Mayes, Mark Follmer, Ken Manthis, Mike Rohdie
58	2nd	8B	Doug Mahal, Jim Jennings, Bill Jenkins, M. Brower
60	3rd	11A	Keith Scott, Don Saxon, Chuck Hanson, N. Spitzig
61	4th	5B	Jim Sinkel, Steve Sanborn, Steve Odegard, Skeet Lane
61	5th	3AM	Don Egeberg, Chuck Egeberg, Dale Parske, Paul Diegnau
62	6th	7B	Cliff Reynolds, Jim Huettl, Andy Huett, M. Kennedy
63	7th	4AM	
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OBVIOUSLY HAPPY about their championship performance in the Minnesota Golf Association's low net foursome competition at The Pines at Grand View Lodge is this team from The Links at Northfork. Pictured from left are Larry Peluf, Matt Petitclair, Northfork Superintendent Paul Mayes and Jim Turnbull.

sota Golf Association's first annual low net foursome championship at The Pines at Grand View Lodge, a statewide event.

A few days later, September 13 to be exact, he again was on a winning team. This time he and his partners—Ken Manthis, Mark Sollmer and Mike Rohde—captured first place in the MGCSA's Stodola Scramble at Hillcrest Country Club by shooting a 15-under-par 57.

You could call it "A-Mayes-ing."

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55.4	3rd	15A	Tom Kientzle, Fred Boos, Mark
			Ronnei, Kevin Cashman
57.5	4th	1 A	Joe Rondeau, Kevin Wold, Mike
			Wegswarth, Dan Peterson
57.8	5th	3A	Chuck Pooch, Russ Adams, Jim
			Peloquin, Chris Korbol
58.4	6th	8AM	Chuck Tuthill, Jeff Liden, Tom Kays,
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EDITOR'S CORNER

By John Harris Lafayette Club



It looks as though the cool, wet weather pattern has returned for the remainder of the season. Obviously, this should give us all construction or aerifying fits, not to mention fishing fits as I look out over Gull Lake. (I think I will leave the boat on the trailer.)

Yes, I'm up here at Maddens. It's a very quiet and gray morning, and I don't think the phone will ring, so this should be an excellent time to write an editorial.

Many of you attended the MTI Appreciation Day at Maddens and enjoyed a splendid round of golf on Scott Hoffman's first-class resort course, regardless of the weather.

I tried the fishing on Gull and wished I had brought my clubs instead of a boat.

The Harold Stodola Scramble was a huge success, regardless of the weather. George Ostler did everything humanly possible to deal with the situation. Of course, one is not God. Therefore, we all must deal with whatever weather pattern we encounter.

Hillcrest Country Club provided us with fine service and an excellent dinner to top off a very important fundraiser for the MGCSA.

Special thanks to Joe Moris for all of his work to make the Stodola Scramble the success it was.

For all you vendor members out there, I am looking into an increase in advertising rates for *Hole Notes*. Printing costs are on the rise along with other expenses. Therefore, in order that we don't jolt the entire membership with "too little, too late," it looks as though a moderate increase will be in order for 1994.

Please feel free to call me at my office and give me your opinion and advice. .or just plain old yell a lot.

Our MGCSA Scholarship winners for 1993 have been announced and appear in this issue.

Congratulations to Dan Augdahl, Brian Nettz, Janelle Lord, Michael Lund and Brian Driste.

Each will receive \$1,000 in scholarship monies. Thanks to all MGCSA members who contributed to the fund by attending monthly meetings, participating in the Garske Scramble, purchasing MGCSA paraphernalia, etc. Every buck counts.

By now we should be very close to our October meeting at Eau Claire Golf & Country Club. John Granholt, host superintendent, will be looking forward to having us all

over to the Land of Milk and Cheese. I hope to see you all there.

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