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EDITOR'S CORNER

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What is it with this weather anyway???. As superintendents, like farmers, we have conditioned ourselves to deal with, ignore or just plain put up with weather and the control it has over our lives. BUT, what many of our peers have gone through this past winter with ice and disease leading to turf loss and now the flooding this past month, even the most laid-back people must be wondering, "When is this all going to end??" My hopes and prayers are, that by the time you read this we will be on our way to a "normal" growing season that will allow our turf and our peers to recover. We are all busy this time of year with short staffing and more work to accomplish than is possible, but please take time out to collect your thoughts and think of others in our profession who have been dealt a bad hand this season. If you know someone who is really struggling with all this, please take the time to offer your support and encouragement, Lord knows we could all use a lift from a friend now and then.

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On March 20th a group of superintendents got together for a bull session at the Owatonna Country Club maintenance center. I know that others get together from time to time and discuss concerns of mutual interest. As editor I would like to say KUDOS to those of you who do take the time to share information with each other. At our meeting, Steve VanNatta had each of us fill out a brief survey related to our greens management; he then made copies for each of us to have. We were all very candid on what was working and what was not on our courses. Good stuff to share!!

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THANKS to Mike Nelson, Rush Creek, and Dave Sime, Benson, for your contributions this month. Great articles and pictures. Also thanks to Brian Kenney, Precision Turf for taking several pictures as he was out and about calling on superintendents. Please feel free to send me your thoughts about a topic or project at your course. It does not need to be written perfectly, I will be glad to work it over and get it ready for publication. Please have items to me by the 10th of the month. Thanks!!

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A REMINDER that July 1, 1997 marks the date that the affiliation agreement with GCSAA goes into effect. After July 1, you must join both the state and national associations. UP until that time, you will be grandfathered in and only have to belong to one association if you choose. However, I would encourage you to strongly consider joining both the MGCSA and the GCSAA. The flow of information and resources available by both of our associations is significant. If you need assistance in convincing your employer to support your dues in these professional associations, please give our state office or GCSAA a call.

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