

Educational Opportunities For the New Millenium

By **MICHAEL KLATTE, CGCS**
Superintendent, Elm Creek Golf Links of Plymouth

As this year's educational and conference chairperson it was my pleasure to serve this great organization in this capacity. It was wonderful to have on my committee a strong group of industry people. I would like to thank Mike Brower, Mike Olson, Dale Caldwell and Dave Krupp for helping to serve on my committee this year.

Though we are just one piece of the puzzle that makes up the bigger part of the MTGF Conference and Show, our members make up about 55% of total registration. Our committee worked with Bob Mugaas, the executive director of MTGF, to help formulate what we feel will be the best conference ever.

We decided to have a theme for the conference this year to add more interest: "Beyond the Millenium — Education for the 21st Century." The dates for the conference will be December 8, 9 and 10.

Mark December 10th on your calendar because we decided to go three full days this year, with the afternoon filled with Dr. Jon Powell's "Identification of Diseases" workshop where he teaches how to use I.D. Kits. There will be a limited amount of students that can attend this workshop so sign up early. In conjunction with this workshop there will be other speakers for the general attendees.

This year's inspirational speaker will be Dr. Jim Sherard. This will be a Friday luncheon for the entire conference. He will give a talk on emotional problems and self esteem.

The world-renowned golf course architect Dr. Michael Hurdzan will give the opening keynote address and later talk about the "Future of Golf Courses."

Recertification for pesticide licensing will be Thursday morning as always but starting at 9:40 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. like it was in the past. I feel good about making this change. Thursday afternoon will feature Dr. Jim Crum from Michigan State University. He will discuss various topics on identification and diagnosis on putting greens and the current concerns and issues of topdressing materials on putting greens.

The other sessions relating to the Allied associations are interesting enough to cover a lot of our industry needs as well, such as Sharon Lilly and Dr. John Ball discussing design and marketing of tree management programs for

golf courses. Minnesota Oak Wilt Update (Session III on Thursday). New insights for the use of mulches around trees are other typical subjects. Gary Custer, certified professional agronomist with PBI Gordon, will give two talks on the timely subject of biostimulant research and application. Also, Dr. Graves from Iowa State University will address drought stress problems in trees.

All in all, this year's Conference and Show promises to meet the needs for all of us professionals in this great industry which we are privileged to be a part of. All of you will be getting a complete program in the mail later this month.



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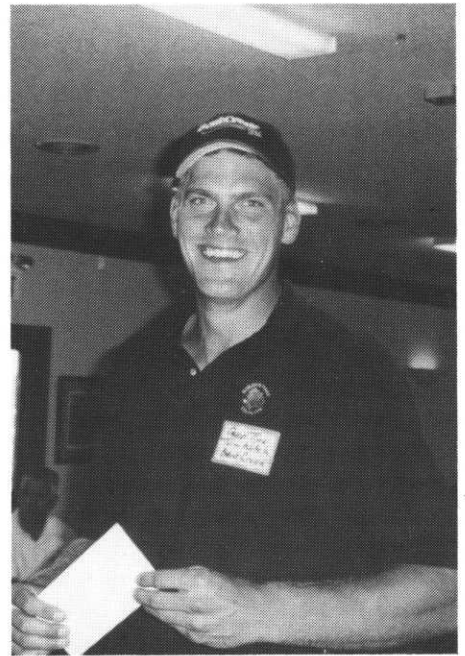
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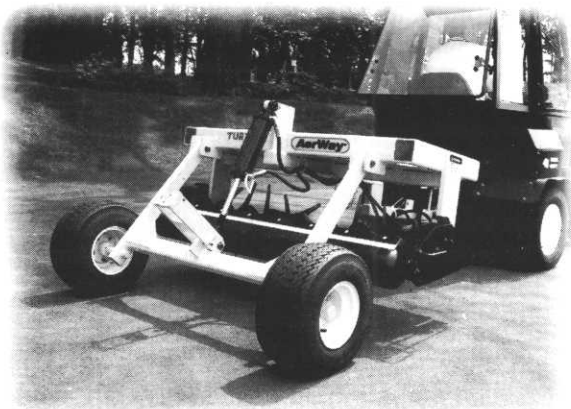
Scenes from the Championship at Heritage Links



RELAXING AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP are, from left, John Wiley, North Star Turf Supply, Larry Vetter, Turf Management Co., and Don Belkengren, North Star Turf Supply.



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Tom Keintzle's Legacy Team Advances To 1999 Oldsmobile Finals

Tom Keintzle, golf course superintendent at Cragun's and the Brainerd resort's five person Legacy golf team, is headed to the Oldsmobile Scramble national finals in Orlando, Fla. October 7-8-9.

They recently won the sectional at The Pines in Nisswa. If they make the cut in Orlando, they will play with a touring pro on October 11.

The team from Cragun's consists of the following: Chuck Klekatsky, Tom Keintzle, Steve Stoxen, Dan Steiger and Mary Hasselberg.

They shot a scramble 58 and had a team handicap of three, giving them a net 55. This won low net honors in the field of 27 teams.

The other finals qualifier at The Pines was a team from New Richmond, WI, with a gross scramble score of 57, best of the day.

Highlight over the years for Orlando/Minnesota teams was in 1993, when a team from Grand View Lodge finished fourth in the low net competition for the entire country. Tom Keintzle and Steve Stoxen were on the 1993 team, so it's a return to Orlando for them.

MGCSA MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 15, 1999

By Michael Brower, MGCSA Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Research investments are up to \$167,076.55. 61% of the dues have been paid as of June 31.

Communications

Fischer suggests writing a letter to your congressman. EPA is coming down on chemicals again. A thank you letter was received from GCSAA for the MGCSA's \$5,000 donation.

President's Report

Keith Scott, CGCS, and Jerry Murphy, CGCS, will be our delegates. MTGF is willing to give money but it can't be a rebate program. Donations to scholarship or research are acceptable. The MTGF could sponsor a speaker at the March Mini-Seminar for possibly \$3,000 to \$5,000. This should be written into the MTGF Bylaws. Last year's donation could have been \$3,500. MTGF discussion. Discussion on the MGCSA starting its own trade show. Nicol makes a motion to have Scott Turtinen write a letter to the MTGF for \$17,000 annually to start a public relations program to benefit the MTGF and the MGCSA. The MGCSA Executive Committee would administer this program.

Business Office

500 out of 691 have paid membership dues. 110 out of 159 have paid affiliate dues. A second dues notice has been sent. The MGCSA has registered the domain name of MGCSA.org. The MTGF Expo has 29 vendors and 40-50 pre-registrations. The MTGF golf tourney has 22 teams.

Conference and Education

Mike Klatte, CGCS, says Bob Mugaas has the MTGF Conference all set. There are still a few hours for Friday afternoon to fill. The March Mini-Seminar is being lined up with construction superintendents. Spring Hill Golf Club, Izaty's are confirmed while others are still being contacted.

Ex-Officio

Looking for members to run for office.

Industrial Relations

New Orleans hospitality is being arranged. John Wiley would like equal time in arranging speakers for the monthly meetings.

Membership

New members accepted.

Public Relations

Paul Eckholm, CGCS, talked to web page service. Contacted three other companies and prices were about the same. Discussion to spend \$3,000 and add this to the Public Relations Budget. Create letter and send to sports directors with a roster and letter telling about our association.

Research

Received info from Pat Walton with the current research projects. Nicol makes a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Fairway Foundation. Eckholm read the current projects being done by Jon Powell at the University of Minnesota.

Scholarship

Eight out of 10 scholarship applicants got all information in by the deadline. Scholarship scramble expenses aren't completely in, but the scramble should raise about \$4,900.

Old Business

Discussion on dues increase. Turtinen will contact other associations on their dues structures.

New Business

University discussion. Get ties with the University and Dr. Jon Powell as our liaison with the University. Klatte makes a motion to have Dr. Jon Powell on our board as a non-voting member.

MGCSA MINUTES
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AUGUST 9, 1999

By Michael Brower, MGCSA Secretary

Addition to Agenda

Bob Mugaas, Executive Director of the MTGF in attendance to address the issue of revenue sharing/cost sharing with the MGCSA. Bob updated the Board on past meetings and discussions regarding this topic. There are legal issues that need to be considered. Meeting will be set up with legal counsel for representatives of both the MTGF and MGCSA to clarify what can be shared between the two organizations.

Arrangements

James Johnson reported on tentative plans for meetings and golf events in 2000. Has contacted several courses in metro and out-state.

Business Office

Received letter from MGA seeking nominations for the Warren Rebholz Distinguished Service Award. Motion to nominate Dr. Don White, University of Minnesota.

Editorial

When web-site is established, *Hole Notes* editor will edit material in conjunction with executive director.

Ex-Officio

Nicol election brochure is being produced. Nicol will attend candidates seminar in Lawrence, Kans.

Membership

Meier reports four new member applications and three reclassifications have been received and reviewed. New members and reclassifications accepted.

Public Relations

Open discussion about hiring public relations firm to handle web-page site, news media announcements, and generally a well-rounded public relations campaign for the MGCSA. Letter to MTGF proposing funding of PR firm for this purpose will be drafted and sent to Mugaas and MTGF Board.

— *Respectfully submitted by Michael Brower*
MGCSA Secretary

GCSAA ONLINE REPORT

<http://www.gcsaa.org>

Conference and Show Site Now Open

The association's third-annual conference and show website opened its doors on August 2 and will continue to be updated with new features and information right up until the doors open in New Orleans. This year's site features real-time conference registration, a searchable event database, live hotel reservations, a personal planner, tournament course information, and much, much more. What you see now is just the beginning — features to come include an online exhibit hall, an attendee directory and silent auction. The site is your most comprehensive guide to all the activities surrounding the conference and show — before, during and after the big event.

Visit the conference and show site through the home page or go directly to <http://www.golfcourseshow.com>

Book-of-the-Month Club

The Nature & Properties of Soil now on sale for \$72, regularly \$80.

This month's featured sale item is *The Nature & Properties of Soil* by Nyle C. Brady and Ray R. Weil. The emphasis of the book is the interaction between soil and other components of the ecosystem. From now until August 31, 1999, you can purchase this book online for \$72 — saving \$8 off the regular member price and \$17 off the suggested retail price of \$89.

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Did You Know....

Did you know that you can save time by viewing all the replies to a posting on the forums with only one click of your mouse? To take advantage of this feature, simply open up the first posting of the thread. Underneath the "Responses" heading, you'll see a link that says "View All Replies." Click on it and you'll get the entire thread on a single page (and you can print it out for your files, too).

Technology Update

Optimizing your Internet browser can make your surfing adventure much more efficient. Both Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator store copies of the web pages you visit on your computer. Depending on your browser, these are referred to as "temporary Internet files" or "cache." Having these pages stored in your memory speeds up the downloading process on your next visit. However, if you don't periodically clean them out, they can slow down your system and prevent you from viewing the most current material on a website.

Internet Explorer users should start by going to the "view" menu and selecting the "Internet options" tab. In this area, you'll find the option to delete your temporary Internet files. Netscape users should go to the "options" menu and then select "network preferences." Next, go to the "cache" tab, where you will find the options to "clear memory cache" and "clear disk cache." If you perform both these functions, it will clear all the temporary files in the cache.

Great Links: All About MapQuest

MapQuest is a popular interactive service that allows users to find specific locations, obtain driving directions, and create and save personalized maps. In fact, you may have already seen MapQuest on the sites of other well-known organizations, such as the National Geographic Society, AAA, Reader's Digest and numerous yellow page directories. GCSAA will be linking to MapQuest's site from the education section to help members find regional seminar venues. Armed with the location information from your confirmation letter, you'll be able to get driving directions from your home or course to your seminar, print a map and choose your own route. The MapQuest site also features a good FAQ section, details about mapping, instructions for using My MapQuest to create personalized maps and special tips for AOL users.

You'll find MapQuest at: <http://www.mapquest.com>

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GCSAA Online Report—

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From The Video Vault

GCSAA's new 30-second image TV spot (as seen on CBS during the John Deere Classic Pro-Am) has been converted to a Quicktime video and is now playing in the members only portion of the site.

You can view the TV spot at: <http://www.gcsaa.org/members/cardev/tvspots.html>

In addition, two short video clips from a conversation between Joe Beditz, NGF president and CEO, and Steve Mona, GCSAA's CEO, are also available. These clips complement GCM's special two-part series called "the state of golf."

The video clips can be found at: <http://www.gcsaa.org/gcm/aug99/prevideo.html>

"The state of golf" article can be found at: <http://www.gcsaa.org/gcm/aug99/08stateofgolf.html>

Nancy Lopez to Receive Old Tom Morris Award

LPGA great Nancy Lopez has been named GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award winner for her lifelong support of the game. The award presentation will take place on Friday, Feb. 18, during the Golf General Session at the conference and show. In addition to her 48 wins on the LPGA Tour, Lopez has also been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame and has received the USGA's Bobby Jones Award for her distinguished sportsmanship in golf.

Find out more about the Lopez and the OTM award at: <http://www.gcsaa.org/media/releases/lopez.html>

New GCSAA Merchandise for Members

GCSAA members should have already received the 1999 merchandise catalog with the August issue of *Newsline*. The eight-page catalog features a variety of GCSAA-logoed apparel from Gear for Sports and Ashworth. If you're a CGCS, you also received a separate flier with your catalog that highlights CGCS merchandise. With the exception of the lapel pin, crest and rign (which are available throughout the year), orders for this limited-time CGCS collection must be placed by October 15. General catalog merchandise may be ordered until February. More merchandise and CGCS items will be offered at the conference and show.

Why Go to the Conference and Show?

Ever wondered what really happens at GCSAA's conference and show? For a great overview of all the activities, check out GCSAA's streaming web video. The video lasts 11 minutes and provides highlights of the trade show, education programs, golf championships and big events. You must have either the Windows Media Player or the Real Networks player on your computer to view the video. Also, be sure to use the link that matches your connection speed.

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(Editor's Note: The GCSAA Online Report is a membership service of the GCSAA.)

Free Remodeling Brochure Available From Society Of Golf Course Architects

Golf's increasing popularity and technological advances in equipment are causing golf course owners and green committees to consider remodeling to keep pace with the changes and to continue providing a visually-appealing recreational facility.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) offers a 12-page brochure entitled "Remodeling Your Golf Course" with vital information for golf course owners, managers, superintendents, green committee members and anyone who might be planning a remodeling project.

It contains full-color illustrations and color photography and covers key areas to consider in a remodeling project. These include the rationale and benefits of remodeling, advice on drafting a remodeling master plan and costs, funding sources and other factors relating to construction.

To obtain a free copy of "Remodeling Your Golf Course," send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601, or visit the ASGCA web site at <http://www.golfdesign.org>. When requesting a copy via e-mail, include the mailing address.

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1999 MGCSA Championship—

(Continued from Front Cover)

Course, both players shot net 72. John shot an 80 and was low gross for the Senior Division.

Closest-to-the-Pin honors went to Matt Rostal, Interlachen Country Club, Tom Mundy, E-Z-GO Golf Cars, and Kevin Anderson, Fox Lake Golf Club. Tom Notch, Bent Creek Golf Club, had the longest drive of the day.

Their superintendents will travel to the Brainerd Lakes area where they will participate in the Stodola Scramble on September 12 at The Legacy Courses at Cragun's. Host Superintendent Tom Kientzle, CGCS, anticipates a great time up north for all participants.

MGCSA Championship Results Heritage Links Golf Club

Championship Flight — Gross Scores

Jeff Pint	74
Steve Busch.....	75
Steve Tomaszewski	75
Wade Tollison.....	75
Bill MacDonald.....	79
John Katterheinrich.....	80
Chris Manor.....	80
Shane Andrews.....	80
Tom McCann.....	80
James Johnson	81
Leif Erickson	82
Steve Makowske	82
Todd Daniels	83
Chuck Tuthill	83
Tom Meier	83
Jeff Gajdostik.....	84
Jason Spitzner	84
Thomas Schmidt.....	85
Larry Vetter.....	87
Kevin Anderson.....	87
Mike Brower	89
Tom Notch.....	90
Chad Belland.....	92
Marty Terveer.....	92

First Flight — Net Scores

Randy Adelman.....	64
Paul Johnson	68
Tom Feriancek	69
John Betchwars	70
Steve Schoenrock.....	72
Tom Mundy	72
Wes Stoneback.....	73
Mike Hilliard.....	73
Bob Tuccitto.....	73
Jason Stoffersihn.....	73
Chris Crockett.....	74
Dan Brown.....	74
Rick Carr	74
Mike Klatte	75
Mike Redmond.....	75



HOST SUPERINTENDENT E. PAUL ECKHOLM, CGCS, and his assistant Scott Paquette of Heritage Links.

Mike Harrington	75
Charlie Pooch.....	76
John Wiley	76
Scott Paquette.....	77
Leroy Wurm.....	77
Matt Rostal	77
Scott Weltzin.....	78
George Peterson.....	78
Doug Mahal	81
Steve Garske.....	83

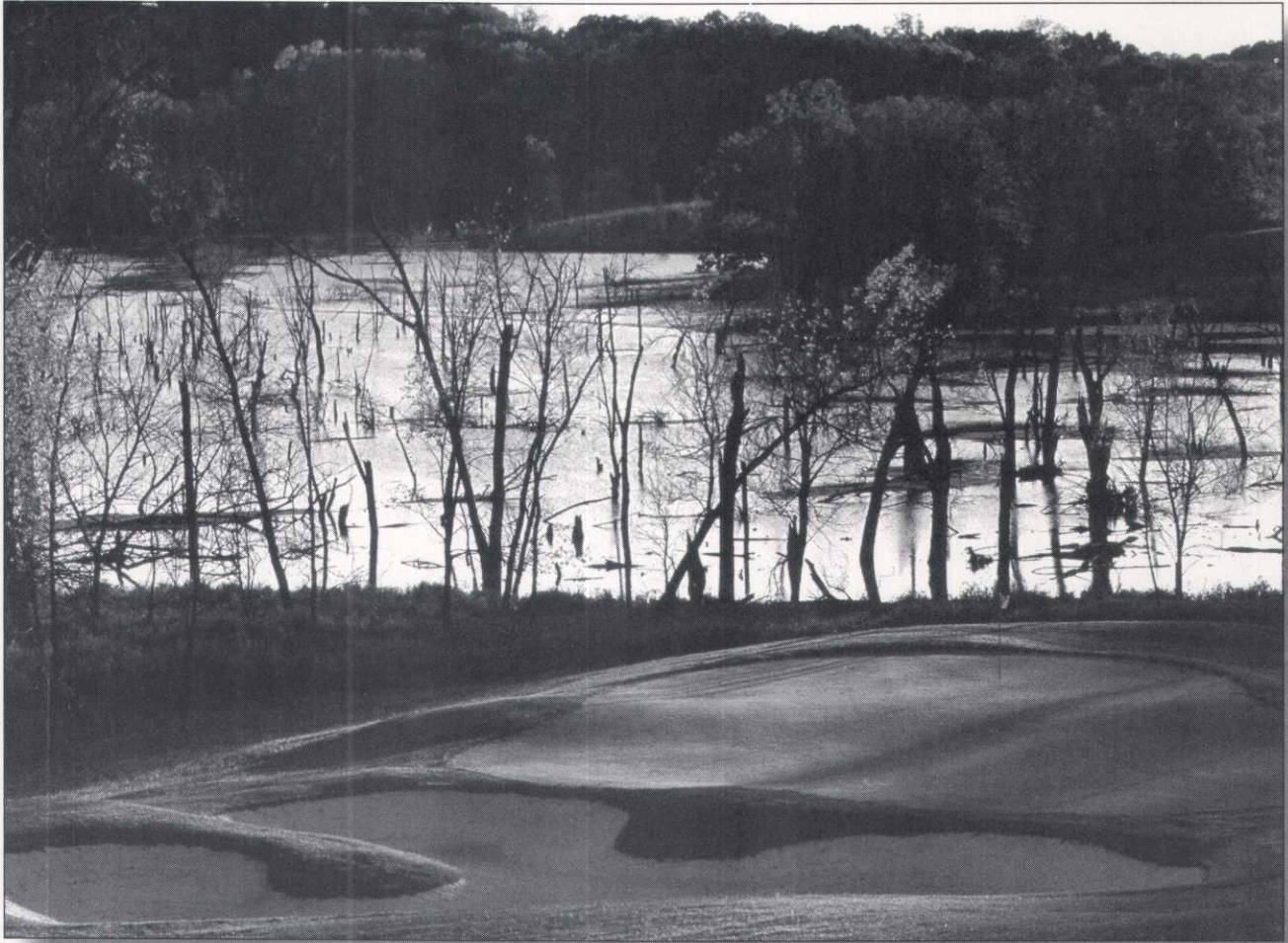
Second Flight — Net Scores

Mark Sullivan.....	63
Jon Almquist	70
Paul Eckholm	74
Bob Atol	75
Jeff Whitehurst.....	76
Tim O'Driscoll	79
Jeff Nourie	80
Jeff Johnson.....	80
Larry Thornton.....	80
Dave Lundeen.....	81
Mark Goettig	87
Tom Fischer	88
Kurt Knox	89

Senior Division — Net Scores

Dennis Bain.....	64
Daryl Scheerhoorn	72
Ron Bloom.....	72
John Nylund.....	72
Joe Check.....	77
Melvin Strand.....	77
Robert Reihe.....	78
Richard Kolter	80
Don Belkengren.....	91

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EDITOR'S CORNER

By Steve Shumansky
Perham Lakeside Country Club



Membership Dues

By now, all of us should have paid our membership dues for the year. They are due in June. At this past month's Board Meeting, the "list" was there. I hope everyone that has been a member in the past wants to continue to be a member. I can't stress enough, get your dues paid or you will be dropped as a member of this great association. If

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back if you were delinquent in your membership. If you pay for it yourself, then get it in. I know it's a busy time for us all, but we hate to lose good people. Maybe I'm writing this a little late as well, but sometimes things just slip our minds.

How Much?

How much did that snap ring cost? You're kidding me, right? (This is not intended to rip on anyone.) But sometimes after we order a part and get the invoice, you look at it and wonder, how can a little snap ring cost 50 bucks? What's it made of, gold? Or a pressure plug that blew out where it shouldn't have for 120 bucks. I paid for someone's screw up. It must have been made on either a Friday or a Monday. Why do most of us buy after market parts? Why do we cross over parts to get them at local suppliers? Hmmmm, maybe some of the manufacturers should take a closer look at what they actually charge us for some of the parts we order. Call it a captive market. Sure, we all do it to save a few bucks on our budgets or the convenience of driving a couple blocks away instead of making a phone call and waiting a day or two. Whichever your reason, I just have a hard time swallowing paying 12 dollars for a filter that I can buy at the parts store for 5 bucks. Is theirs better? I don't think so, they just have a different part number. Last week I joked with one of my suppliers, are you gonna drive all the way up here and install it for me at that price and buy me dinner? Kind of makes you wonder a little.

Almost Over?

For most of us this time of year we lose most, if not all, of our summertime help as they head back to either college or high school. For one reason or another, they have all left their mark on your course. Either they were just so so employees, or they did something to make you mad at one time or another, or they made you laugh like hell. Whichever it might be, make sure you remember them and hope like hell the good ones come back next year. And of course, after they leave, it becomes another busy time of year for us. Aerification of greens, tees and fairways. To be honest with you, I hate it! I love saying we aerified everything in past tense. But the process is what truly sucks! Kind of like Murphy's law. Let's say Murphy's Law #112, "If it's gonna break down in the middle of aerification of a green..." Sounds rather stupid to say that, but if you have never had a major breakdown in the middle of aerifying, then you either have never done it or you are very lucky! Fairways and tees always seem to be no brainers. But it's your pride and joy, your greens, that always seem to give you grief. I for one can't wait 'til that's behind me. With that I'll close. I hope things go well for you all this fall and you don't have any major problems. See ya next month.

— Steve Shumansky
Editor



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