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Editor's Corner

By Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS
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What Were They Thinking?

Over the last couple of weeks my emotions have run the gambit. I have been in shock, astonished, and angry, I have felt sad, mournful and vulnerable. Many emotions I seldom if ever experience, and I didn't even know anyone that was in the WTC buildings at the time of the attack. I can't even imagine what those closer to ground zero have been going through. The one question I keep asking myself is "what were they thinking?" What egos these people must have to feel that they can get away with this crime. We must stand behind our legislators as they sort this horrific event out and find those responsible.

While I have many more questions than answers about this tragedy, one thing I do know is that we need to return to a state of normalcy as soon as possible. One of the purposes of our profession is to maintain a golf course, which is a form of recreation for people. Now more than ever it is important that we continue to provide the conditions people have come to expect from us. We in golf and all those in the recreation fields need to make sure that people have a fun outlet to escape the horrors of this tragic event.

I would like us all to also focus on the positive things that occurred during this tragedy. I have heard many accounts of people walking slowly and calmly down the exit stairs. How many people were saved in this event because of some training they received in kindergarten about fire? How many others were saved because of the technology behind the engineering that kept the two towers standing as long as they did? Many, many lives were saved that day. Let us try to keep our cups half full as we try to move on.

To those who may have lost someone in this tragedy, our hearts and prayers go out to you and yours.

Great Tourney / Great Weather

As I said in my last column, I love fall, and days like we had for the Harold Stodola Research Scramble is the reason why. Rick Fredrickson and his committee did an excellent job of putting this tourney together. Kudos to Michael Kelly and his crew for the extra work they did in prepping the course and thanks to the Edina Country Club for allowing us to hold our event there.

GCSAA Registration

The registration booklet is out for the upcoming GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show. If you plan on attending, get your registration in early, Orlando is

a very popular area for this event. Now is the time to look for Airline tickets as well, Barb and I got round trip tickets on Delta for \$107.

Free Info

If you own a chunk of wooded land or manage a large area on your golf course, the U of M Extension service publishes a quarterly newsletter on forest management. It is free and available online @ www.cnr.umn.edu/cfc/outreach/ftn/index/html,

(man these websites are nothing like remembering a 7 digit phone number are they), or call 218-879-0850, ext. 123.

That's All Folks

Have a great month and enjoy the cooler weather.



THIS UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOURSOME includes, from left, MTGF Executive Director Larry Vetter, Shawn Bernick, Jon Powell and Brian Horgan.



STODOLA NET WINNERS FROM PHEASANT ACRES, pictured from left to right, Joe Goetz, Amy Cheslock, Scott Weltzin, CGCS, and Steve Fesler. They shot 62 and netted out to a 55.

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