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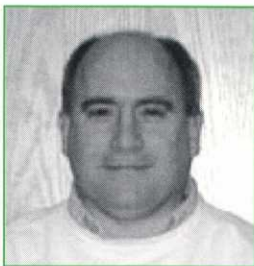
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Editor's Corner

By Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS
Monticello Country Club

Over the Hump

As I write this column it is mid August and I am already starting to see my first seasonal employee head off to football practice. Actually he had to take a week off before football to rest. O' well he is in high school after all and there's no sense in working too much, he'll get plenty of that in a couple of years. Seeing that first employee head out is always a sign for me that we have cleared the hump. I'm not exactly excited, because it means scrambling for my retired seasonal employees and seeing when they can start. But it does mean that the majority of tough weather is out of here and my favorite time of the year is about to start. There is nothing better than the cool weather of the fall in the morning, only to have to take the sweatshirt off later as the sun slowly warms things up. I love fall in Minnesota, I always have.

U of M Field Days

The U of M Field Days were held under beautiful skies on Thursday July 26. After talking with Dr. Powell, it sounds as though he was very pleased with the turnout. There were quite a few more people this year than last. With the commitment the MGCSA is making to the University of Minnesota, with its Drive for the U program, and with the addition of Dr. Horgan, I think we are going to see great things come out of the U of M in the near future.

Periodicals

While I have always read as many of the trade journals as I find the time to read. I always seem to end up with a pile of periodicals in the corner of my office that either ultimately ends up in a recycle bin somewhere or quickly browsed through in mid January then sent to the recycle bin. Needless to say I have been making more of a concentrated effort to stay up to date looking for articles to add to the Hole Notes. In my reading this last month, the latest issue of Golfdom had several articles that I read. One was an editorial about certified superintendents that got me a little worked up, but there were two good articles worth reading. The first was about skin cancer, and how to prevent or diagnose a potential problem. The other was about hammocks, an article definitely worth reading, especially if you haven't gotten over the hump of summer yet.

The Preacher's Mower

A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" the

preacher asked. I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle, said the little boy. After a moment the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and after riding the bike around said, "Mister you've got yourself a deal." The preacher took the mower and began to try to start it.

The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get the mower to start." That's because you have to curse at it to get it started," the boy said. The preacher said, "I've been a minister for twenty-five years, I don't even remember how to curse." The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that string. It'll come back to ya."

He pulled on the string a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get the mower to start." That's because you have to curse at it to get it started," the boy said. The preacher said, "I've been a minister for twenty-five years, I don't even remember how to curse." The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that string. It'll come back to ya."

How many of us haven't experienced a stubborn mower before?

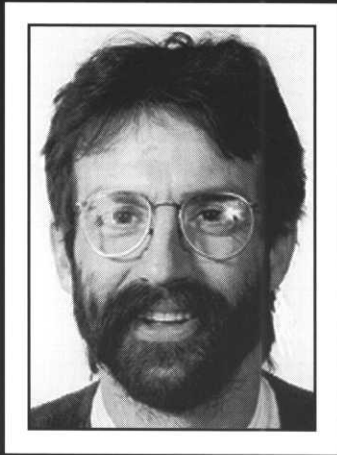
Later!

Our annual MGCSA Championship was played at Wayzata Country Club on August 20. I hope everyone who participated had a great time. I am sure Bob Distel had the golf course in its usual championship condition. I hope everyone remembered that it's only a game and had a great time.

--Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS
Editor



LONG DRIVE WINNER at the Championship was Jeff Pint of New Prague Golf Club. Pint won the contest with this drive on No. 10 at Wayzata Country Club on August 20. He also finished runner-up to new MGCSA champion Barry Provo by shooting a 77.



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