



## ON BOARD

MUSING THE MONTHLY MINUTES

By Jack MacKenzie, CGCS  
North Oaks Golf Club

Holy Bananas! There are some wonderful and exciting things happening at the MGCSA Board of Director meetings. And it is not because I am now on board, but rather the Directors of the association really do complete a lot of business for the members. In fact, I was impressed with the integrity and continuity of topics discussed.

**Boards, both present and past, have been working hard to promote and enhance the value of the MGCSA.** Did you know that several years ago the association set aside over \$ 100,000 in anticipation of the development of a turf research facility? And how about the "Drive For the U" program? The in-kind fund raising program is evidence that all participants in the turf industry, be they individuals, clubs or business associates, are willing to step up to the plate and prove to the University of Minnesota that we take our turf seriously. To the tune of over \$115,000! I extend a very hearty thanks to all involved who waited so long for the dream to come to fruition and who had the foresight to make it happen.

**This adds up to the financial support and interest necessary to make the Turfgrass, Research, Outreach and Education Center a success.** The TROE Center was a pipedream until just nine months ago when Dr. Brian Horgan, the new Turfgrass Extension Specialist at the University of Minnesota, came aboard, realized the need, developed a plan and presented it along with the many helping individuals who belong to the Turfgrass Working Group. Way to go folks! Thank you for your efforts.

**Just imagine NTEP plots, runoff studies and nutrient and plant protectant evaluations.** The list of opportunities goes on to infinity. As do the list of topics discussed by your BOD.

**Brought up at the meeting was the cost of recent participation in the Mini-Seminar.** While perhaps spendy for clubs with multiple attendees, the BOD didn't think the cost prohibitive. In fact, considering the discount afforded to student members, the risk of poor attendance due to weather, the quality of the meal served and the most excellent of speakers (myself included!), the price really wasn't too bad.

**Another issue touched upon was the creation of a "Members Only" page on the MGCSA website.** To facilitate the employment opportunities in state, the BOD is reviewing the application of a general password page where only people with the correct information can sign on. An individual password per member was way, way, way too expensive for consideration.

**And finally, the concept of a year-end 75th Anniversary Banquet was evaluated.** All present were in agreement that a celebration would be nice for the recognition of award winners, scholarship earners and the presentation of distinguished members of our association. The party would be a dress-up affair and include significant others as well as the families of scholarship recipients, special guests and dignitaries. It will be almost as rewarding as putting down your final snow mold application of the season!

**Thank you to Jeff Johnson and Rick Fredericksen** for the opportunity to work on the Board of Directors and participate in the advancement of the MGCSA.

See you at The Ridges!

--Jack MacKenzie, CGCS

## POINTS TO PONDER

The 10 Most-Used Excuses:

- 10.....I forgot
- 9.....No one told me
- 8.....I didn't think it was important
- 7.....That's the way we have always done it
- 6.....There's nothing I can do about it
- 5.....I was waiting for approval
- 4.....It must be stuck in the mail
- 3.....That's not my department
- 2.....My computer was down
- 1.....What memo?

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## Profitable Principles

Every problem is an opportunity.  
Problems present possibilities

Smile. Be polite. Don't argue.  
Don't burn bridges.

Take problems seriously  
and yourself lightly.

If you are ultimately going to do  
something, do it now or as soon as possible.

The only right way to do anything  
is the way that works.

Effort is important, but don't confuse  
effort with results.

Efficiency means doing things right.  
Effectiveness means doing right things right.

Don't try to do it, just do it.

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1964 Cushman Truckster utility cart.....\$400  
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1972 John Bean 100 gal. sprayer,  
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1984 National fairway verticutter.....\$300  
1972 Toro Sand Pro with 3-gang  
Honda mower unit.....\$1000  
1990 Olathe sweeper.....\$1200  
1991 Olathe core pulverizer.....\$1000  
1974 Foley reel grinder.....\$1000  
1975 Foley bedknife grinder.....\$1000  
70's model Gandy 10' drop seeder.....\$400  
Misc. gas pumps.....\$300

All in working condition  
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1998 Goosen Super Rake - Model RVT 095  
Fully-equipped, used less than 20 hours.  
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100, w/15" heads and 54" handles  
Several w/new handles!  
1994 Hydrojet 3000 with 460 hrs.  
Maintenance records available. - \$7,000  
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1230's with stainless steel box - \$200  
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\$2000  
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40 hp Jacuzzi Centrifugal Pump(230 v) w/Starter  
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Pump Control Panel w/Pressure Switches  
4" Cla-Valve, Y-Strainer, Check Valves,  
Fittings, Pipe, Etc. Buy Everything for \$4500  
Pump station and control system was installed in  
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it was removed in 2001.  
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507-263-0831

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hp Vanguard, front blade, rear rake, 1400 hours,  
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1992 EZ Go PC955 6 passenger utility vehicle.  
36 volt electric, hyd. brakes, rear cargo area,  
canopy, windshield, good cond.  
\$1250.00/make offer.  
Air Max Circulating fans (2). 5 hp Briggs 1/C,  
less than 10 hours use. \$500.00 ea.  
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## FOR SALE

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Mower. Good Reel Stock RTC  
2 reels for parts and 1 new  
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Greensmower with groomer.  
Low hours....\$4,000  
Older Jacobsen walk behind  
Greensmower. Fair to good  
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rewound in last two years, New pressure  
tank(2001) \$5000  
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## FOR SALE

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15' 3 pt. Sprayer, 100 gal. tank.  
Never used \$ 1,500  
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Used 2 seasons \$1,000  
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To: Members/Minnesota Golf  
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for transporting our equipment back  
and forth between our existing research  
site and the new TROE research center  
that is being built. The size we are looking  
for would accommodate a tractor  
alone, or possibly two triplexes with the  
capability of loading and unloading  
without damaging the reel mowers. We  
are inquiring of the possibility that there  
is something out there that could be  
donated for helping in the development  
of our new research facility? If it does not  
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## Editor's Corner

By Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS  
Monticello Country Club

### Striving for Perfection

Superintendents as a rule of thumb are overachievers and perfectionists. If we weren't, would we be able to maintain our courses at the level we do? We also take a lot of pride in what we do and how well we do it. Which ultimately leads us into a workaholic type lifestyle.

With that having been said, I ran across a quote last month in the GCSAA NewsWeekly. It goes like this:

*"It is possible to have too high a degree of perfection. If we have never had a bad lie we are not likely to appreciate a good one, and moreover, the ability to play from a bad lie differentiates between a good player and bad one."* --Dr. Alister MacKenzie

I personally don't think Dr. MacKenzie is trying to tell us that we don't want to maintain our courses at a high level. But think about this, how many times have you heard the saying, "If you give 'em an inch they want a mile"?

As we get rockin' and a rollin' this summer, keep in mind that it doesn't have to always be perfect. Take some time out for the wife, kids, friends and family.

### How Much are you Worth?

There was a hardware engineer who had an exceptional gift for troubleshooting automotive robots. After serving his company loyally for more than 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later, the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem it was having with one of its multimillion-dollar machines. The company had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work, but to no avail. In desperation, the company called on the retired engineer who had solved so many problems in the past. He reluctantly took on the challenge. He spent a day studying the intricate and complex machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small "x" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated, "this is where your problem is". The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly. The company upon receiving a bill for \$50,000 from the engineer for his services demanded an itemized accounting of his charges. The engineer responded briefly:

*One chalk mark: \$1*

*Knowing where to put it: \$49,999*

The bill was paid in full and the engineer retired again in peace.

### Drive for the Wow!!

That is about the only way I can summarize the feeling I had at the last MGCSA Board of Directors meeting. Dr. Brian Horgan made a presentation on his and Dr. Powell's efforts at the University of Minnesota with regard to the new research facility. They are making some super progress and with the help of Jack MacKenzie will be reporting on this over the next several issues of this periodical. I personally am excited and believe once you see the progress they have made, you all will be too.

### Speaking of the U

It has been great to see so much communication on the Turf Talk hotline. If you haven't yet tuned in, please do. There are a jillion of talented people in our association and the more we communicate the better our profession becomes.

### Spring Meetings

Thanks to Scott Wersal and The Ridges at Sand Creek for hosting our spring meeting. As I write this we are weeks away from that meeting; however we certainly appreciate their offering of the facility for our outing. By the way, mark your calendars for Monday, June 17, and set your cruise control for St. Cloud C.C. Dan Hanson will be the host superintendent this year for the Scholarship Scramble.

—Rick Traver, CGCS  
Editor



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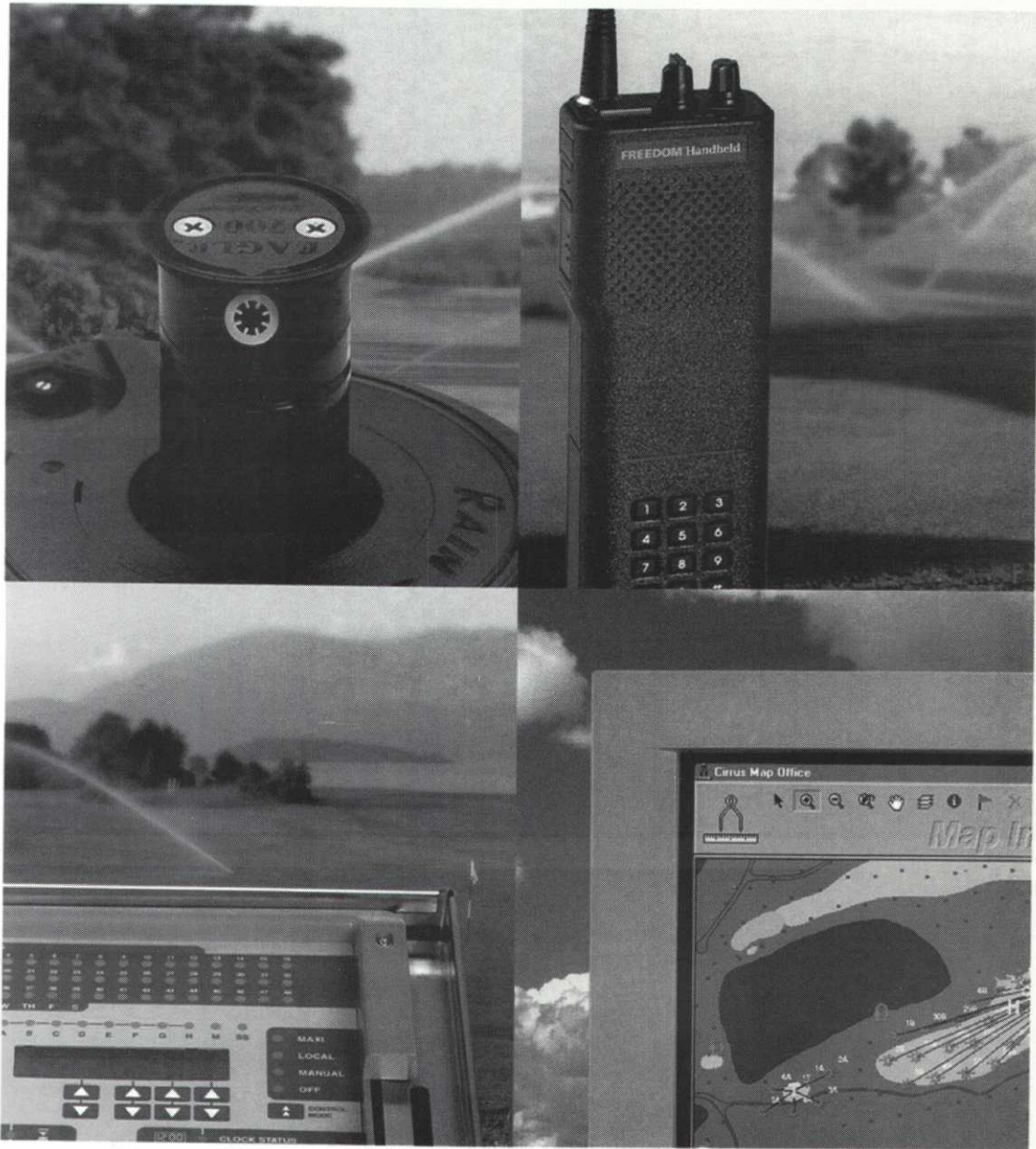
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