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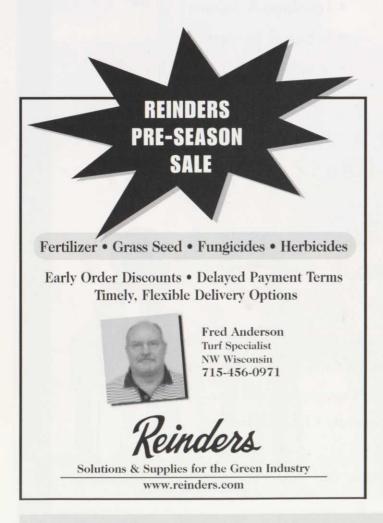
By Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS Monticello Country Club

Brrrrrr!

Man, snow already? I know last month I said I was ready for the season to end, but I was really just ready for the golfers to start thinning out. I have too much work to do to have to slush around in the snow already. I must have jinxed myself. Either it is what I said last month or the fact that I scheduled the irrigation to be blown out one week earlier this year. Either way, a nice chunk of "Indian summer" wouldn't bother me any too much.

Raising What?

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys." -*Harmon Killebrew*



75th Anniversary Gala

The MGCSA is holding an awards banquet to commemorate the 75th anniversary of its inception. This event is a coat and tie event and is being held at Golden Valley Country Club on December 3. There will be a social hour, dinner and an awards presentation honoring this years' scholarship recipients, the Distinguished Service Award winner, as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Please mark your calendars and watch for the mailing to register.

Fore!

Banks hit his tee shot over toward the right side of the fairway, not far from where Albert, the greens keeper, was walking. The ball missed him, but he was not happy that no one hollered "Fore!" when the ball had been hit. As Banks approached for his second shot, Albert confronted him.

"Hey, Mr. Banks," began Albert, "don't you know you're supposed to yell "Fore!" to warn others that you hit your shot?"

"Sorry," said Banks, "but I didn't think it mattered since I knew it wasn't going to hit you."

"Wasn't going to hit me?" exclaimed Albert. "How could you be so sure?"

"Easy," answered Banks. "I was aiming right at you."

On A Sad Note

Mark Whitehurst, brother of MGCSA affiliate member Jeff Whitehurst, died last month of a heart attack. Mark truly loved the game of golf. He was playing at Breezy Point and quietly passed away on the golf course. Medical assistance was there within minutes but Mark could not be revived. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeff and the whole Whitehurst family.

Upcoming Events

The next event after the 75th Anniversary banquet is the Minnesota Green Expo, Wednesday, January 8 through Friday, January 10, 2003. This event is being held in cooperation with the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation and the Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Foundation. This promises to be an excellent event. The educational opportunities have expanded and the trade show has over 350 companies with 750 booths. Look for a flyer in the mail, or go to www.minnesotagreenexpo.com for more information or to register.

Safe Hunting!

Since many of you have been or are going to be in the woods hunting over the next few weeks, please take it easy and be careful. The last thing you want to do after surviving a golf season like this year is to have something bad happen hunting. -- *Rick Traver, Editor*



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