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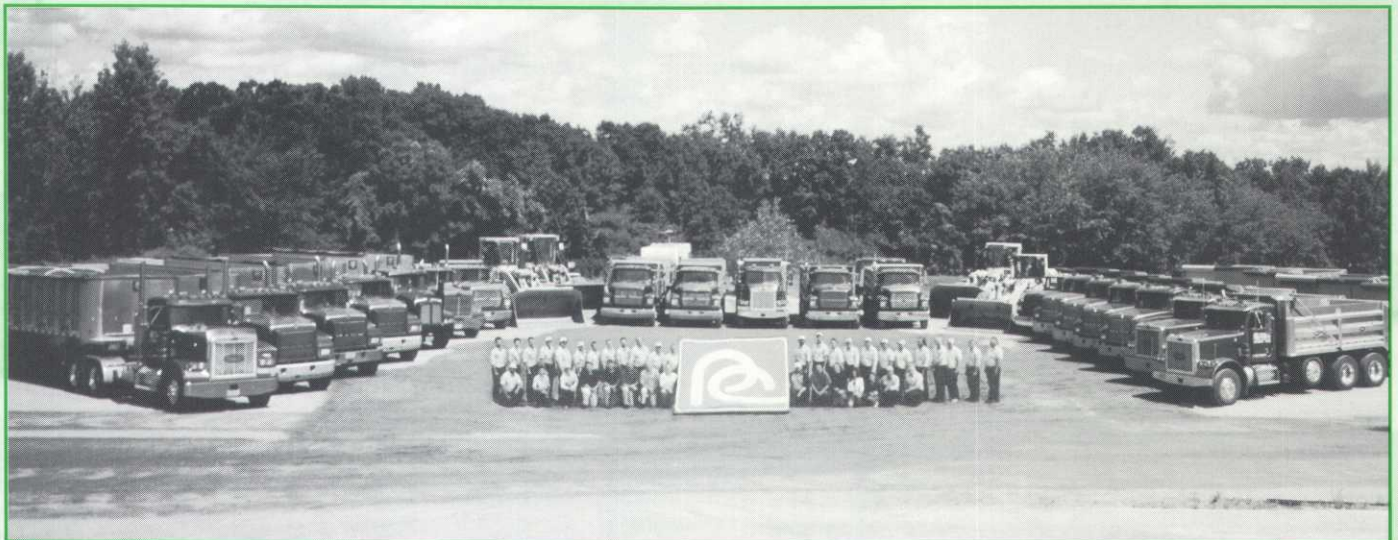
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On the Career Fast Track

By Rick Traver, CGCS

With all the hoopla about Tiger Woods and the PGA Championship, the other two major golf events being held in Minnesota this summer haven't gotten the attention generally afforded events of this magnitude. One of these is the 3M Championship which was held at the TPC of the Twin Cities in August, and the other is the Solheim Cup, which is coming to Interlachen Country Club in September. This article introduces the Superintendent of Interlachen, and his name is Matt Rostal. Matt has been a member of the MGCSA since 1993, is 36 years old and another of the young and successful superintendents on the Minnesota scene.

Matt's career is definitely on the fast track. Having graduated from St. Cloud State in 1989 with a Finance degree, it took very little time for Matt to figure out that banking and finance was not his "cup of tea." Matt's cups have to do with putting and his "tee" is for supporting a golf ball just prior to smoking it down the fairway.

Matt started working at Interlachen in the grounds department in 1990, and decided to go back to school at the University of Minnesota for turf. He graduated there in 1995 and was promoted to spray technician shortly thereafter. In 1998 he became the assistant superintendent at Interlachen, and when John Katterheinrich left in March of 2001, Matt was made the interim superintendent. The interim title was dropped in October of that same year. As Matt put it "two years ago it was my goal to become a superintendent and I never would have imagined it would be at Interlachen."

Interlachen, ranked #38 nationally, has a long and prestigious history. Having been incorporated in December of



MATT ROSTAL

Superintendent at Interlachen CC

1909, the name Interlachen was chosen because it means "between lakes", as is its namesake in Switzerland, Interlaken. Interlachen has had several distinguished architects. The original design, by William Watson, carried Interlachen to 1919 when Donald Ross was called upon to submit a completely redesigned layout. The course is basically the same today with a revision to #1 and #3 by Robert Trent Jones in 1963. Major tournaments held at Interlachen include, the Western Open in 1914, the Trans-Mississippi in 1916, and the 1930 U.S. National Open, that saw Robert T. Jones

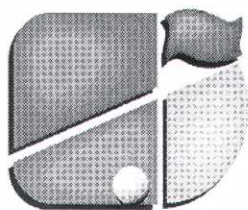
Jr., complete his "Grand Slam." In 1935 Interlachen CC saw the introduction of "Minnesota's own Patty Berg" who at the age of 17, played in the Women's National Amateur golf Championship. Other events include the 1942 U.S. Open, canceled due to WWII, the 1986 USGA Senior Amateur Championship and the 1993 Walker Cup Matches.

Matt has been married for six years to "a wonderful and understanding woman who knows my role and responsibilities as a superintendent extremely well." They are the proud parents of a new baby girl, born in June. Matt mentioned how this might put more emphasis on his time management. Personally, speaking as a father of a 5-year old, he has no idea.

Matt's short-term goals are to provide the best-conditioned golf course he can for his membership and for the players in the Solheim Cup in September. Long term he is excited about making preparations for the 2008 U.S. Women's Open. Beyond that he is unsure; however he is completely happy and satisfied at Interlachen.

Matt feels that our industry has a strong and positive future. He feels that our associations needs to continue to be proactive with legislative issues and continue to be stewards of the green industry.

Having only talked to Matt on the phone it is easy to understand why he was hired as superintendent at Interlachen. I found him to be very personable. I wish him well as he takes on his tasks of managing a major track in our golf community.



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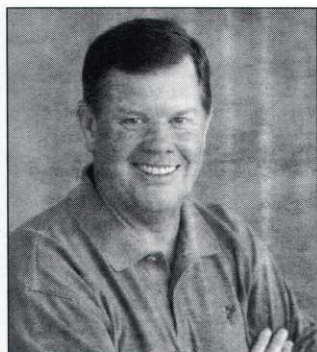
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MGA Names Tom Ryan As New Executive Director

The Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) has announced the hiring of Thomas L. Ryan as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, effective August 12, 2002. Ryan, 48, will lead the MGA staff in serving the association's 93,000 associate members and nearly 440 member golf clubs and 13 allied golf industry associations.



Tom Ryan

"I'm thrilled to be joining the MGA," said Ryan. "To combine your passion with your work is truly a unique opportunity. I look forward to working closely with the associate members, clubs and allied golf organizations."

Ryan is a former West Group executive with more than two decades of experience in business development, marketing and customer service. His enthusiasm for amateur golf is reflected by a scratch handicap, membership at Dellwood Hills Golf Club, and his

experience as an Evans Scholar at the University of Minnesota.

"We are very excited that Tom Ryan is joining the MGA," said Cal Simmons, MGA president. "His business background and commitment to the game are an ideal fit with the goals and objectives of the association," added Simmons.

Founded in 1901, the MGA is a non-profit association dedicated to upholding and promoting the game of golf and its values for all golfers in Minnesota. The organization recently celebrated its centennial that included recognition by proclamation from Governor Jesse Ventura and culminated in a gala dinner, hosted by *New York Times* Foreign Affairs columnist and St. Louis Park native Thomas Friedman.

In 1998, the MGA ranked as the largest trade and professional association based in Minnesota, according to *City Business*. In addition, the MGA is recognized as among the top state and regional amateur golf associations in the country.

Minnesota is regularly ranked at or near the top in golfer participation in the United States, according to the the National Golf Foundation.

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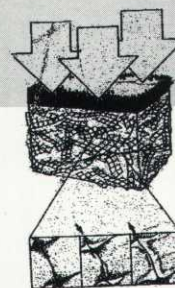
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Managing Mower Stress

By **BOB VAVREK**
USGA Agronomist

Poa annua has taken it on the chin at many golf courses visited recently. Long periods of exceptionally hot, humid weather and sporadic rainfall set the table for intense disease activity and direct high temperature kill. Much of the injury appeared along intermediate roughs, low spots in fairways/greens, and along the first few feet of turf adjacent to the collars. Diseases, such as basal root anthracnose, that were only seen on rare occasions over the past few years have been a common sight on greens and fairways.

A sprinkler head that didn't turn one night, severe afternoon wilt, a hot fertilizer application, aggressive vertical mowing or other forms of stress appeared to predispose the turf to anthracnose at many courses.

What can you do to minimize stress? Here are a few tips regarding mowing practices for greens to consider before or after injury occurs to the playing surfaces. Some of the simplest techniques are the ones we overlook first.

Switch from grooved to solid rollers at the first sign of turf thinning. Solid rollers are especially helpful along the clean up pass.

Use hand mowers instead of triplex units. Be sure to make the proper adjustments to the cutting height. In general, hand mowers cut tighter than triplex units at the same bench setting.

Use lighter weight hand mowers or narrower units to minimize scalping across slopes and high spots.

Keep the mowers sharp.

Empty the basket often. A full basket of wet clippings can change the effective height of cut.

Empty the basket before making the clean up pass.

Slow down the mower when cutting the clean up pass. This is probably one of the easiest ways to reduce stress to turf along the perimeter of a green, yet operator speed is rarely given second thought.

Raise the height of cut if the greens begin to thin out. I don't mean from 0.110 to 0.115 of an inch. I'm talking about a height of at least 5/32 to 3/16 of an inch. How perceptions have changed over the past five years or so. A 5/32 inch cut was once considered tight. Recommend that height now and you get a blank stare back from some folks...as if you asked them to come up to a fairway mowing height.

Forget the double cutting, groomers, and vertical mowers for a while.

Don't be afraid to mow greens at different heights of cut. Consistency of speed between greens will not necessarily be compromised. That thin, weak green in the shade putts faster anyway, so raising the height of cut may actually make the speed across all greens more consistent.

Last, but not least, severely damaged greens may not need to be mowed at all. Skipping a day or two between mowings can help accelerate recovery, especially when the height of cut is raised between mowings.

Take heart, the days are getting shorter and football season is right around the corner.

(Editor's Note: Bob Vavrek may be reached at rvavrek@usga.org or 262-797-8743.)

On the Road With the USGA

By *R.A. (Bob) Brame, Director*

The lower portion of the North Central Region has moved into a typical summer weather pattern. Some courses have gotten too much rain and others are very dry. Very few have gotten the right amount of assistance from Mother Nature. Keep in mind, while there are many reasons for maintaining a course as dry as applicable variables allow, a key benefit is how the turf will perform should a heavy rainfall occur. If the soil is saturated going into heavy rainfall, then problems can follow as opposed to the superior safety of being on the dry side in advance of a "frog strangler."

Recent visits have found a number of superintendents utilizing various methods to open and vent the upper portion of green root zones. Quadratine attachments equipped with 1/4" solid tines, cross/shatter tines and water injection aeration are the more common tools used for summer opening and venting. Remember, while any type of opening and venting has an element of stress, drowning is fatal. It is very important to have oxygen in the root zone.

Stress-relieving strategies like raising the mowing height and switching to solid front rollers have been a common finding on recent visits. Foliar feeding is also being closely guarded, and remember, light and frequent is the key to achieving maximum value with spoon-feeding. Too little can cause or allow root loss and too much also can compromise root mass. If a measurable clipping increase occurs following a foliar feeding during summer heat, the rate is too high.

The second generation of Ataeius beetles recently have been observed. As opposed to their larger cousins, it is not uncommon to find Ataeius grubs in greens. Sod webworm activity also has been seen at a few courses, along with cutworms. In both cases, the activity has been fairly light and spotty.

A wide array of diseases has been observed relative to variables such as water holding in the upper profile, mowing height, microenvironment and traffic-related abrasion.

While the nights are getting longer, we're not out of the woods just yet. Keep up your guard and, in particular, pay close attention to water management. Take advantage of problems that arise to educate the bosses and set the stage for needed corrective measures.

The agronomists of the North Central Region stand ready to work with you in anyway possible. Give us a call or drop an email.

(Editor's Note: Bob Brame may be reached at bobbbrame@usga.org or 859-356-3272.)



ON BOARD

Musing the Monthly Minutes

*By Jack MacKenzie, CGCS
North Oaks Golf Club*

"Criky, where's me roster?"

Not an unusual question this time of year, and one brought up at the last BOD meeting. Everyone wants to know why the roster arrives so late in the season and seems to be outdated before it is even used. This is a serious dilemma and can be attributed to several factors including sloth, forgetfulness, procrastination, indolence and apathy.

You see, the roster is directly related to the timely payment of annual dues. Although requests were sent out last April, the MGCSA is still waiting to receive payment from 132 Members. That's right, because 15% of our members haven't paid their dues, relevant information concerning vendors, members and updated bylaws and association data cannot be disseminated. What is a Board to do?

Send out an incomplete roster? Sort of defeats the purpose if many members are not included. Perhaps request payment earlier in the year? It didn't work the last time! Charge a late penalty to defer the cost of amended mailings of updated addresses? How many loose sheets would end up in the wastebasket?

Paul Eckholm came up with the idea of creating a small three-ring notebook roster. Those who pay on time would be included in an annual "update" package. Late applicants and new members would be included in future mailings. Vendor, honorary member and bylaw information would retain their individual sections. To take the system another step, industry movement could be addressed using peel and stick labels; this could potentially allow roster mailings to occur every other year.

Because the cost of binding is so very expensive, the new system could decrease the burden upon an already frugal budget and offer great flexibility. Updates would be done as frequently as necessary. New phone numbers or a change in job would be a simple "peel and stick" to modify. And most importantly, the roster would be out in a timely fashion. Now what does the BOD need do about late payment of dues?

We are open for suggestions. Penalty charge? Posting of delinquent members? Cancellation of status within the organization? Do nothing and hope payment is received? All the while mailing out membership magazines, outing and employment information and even the roster itself. This seems pretty expensive considering postage today. Unable to come to a good remedy, the Board meeting moved onto the Fertilizer Training Program being developed by Dr. Brian Horgan.

As most of you know, during the last legislative session, a law was passed requiring golf course agronomists to either prove the need for phosphorous applications or maintain the right to use phosphorous through attendance in a continuing education program by the end of 2003.

Dr. Horgan has worked hard to develop the following program schedule. In the year 2003 several four-hour "base" programs would be offered at various locations across the state of Minnesota. Each following year, only one "base" four hour program would be offered as well as several opportunities for applicators to become "retrained" in the art of fertilizer application. The "retraining" events would include some base material as well as industry updates. It is planned that the "retraining" efforts will be scheduled in conjunction with the Green Expo, mini programs and even at a monthly meeting if necessary.

For example, in order for me to apply phosphorous upon my course in the year 2004 without soil testing, I would need to take a four hour "base" information educational program in 2003. This would provide me with an appli-

cators certificate stating that I had achieved the requirements according to the law. Because the certificate lasts for two years, I would schedule myself to take a refresher course at the Green Expo in 2005 or attend one of a several educations to be offered that year to assure I was covered for 2006-07. This every- other- year program will be handy for me because it is opposite of my pesticide applicators license.

And speaking of the applicators license, HAVE YOU GOT YOURS FOR 2003-04? If you do not want to have to retest for next year, take advantage of the educational opportunities offered through the MGCSA, MTGF and the Department of Agriculture this fall. (See Schedule on Page 12.)

It is tough to be a nagging "father." In fact, it is somewhat embarrassing to have to tell my peers information that has been made available to them multiple times over the last few months. But here I go again. Pay your dues! Re-certify for your 2003-2004 pesticide applicators license! And plan to attend one of four fertilizer training seminars offered next year if you are going to be using phosphorous in the future without taking soil tests.

Catch you next month in black and white! --Jack

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Submitted by Daniel Swenson
Membership Chairman

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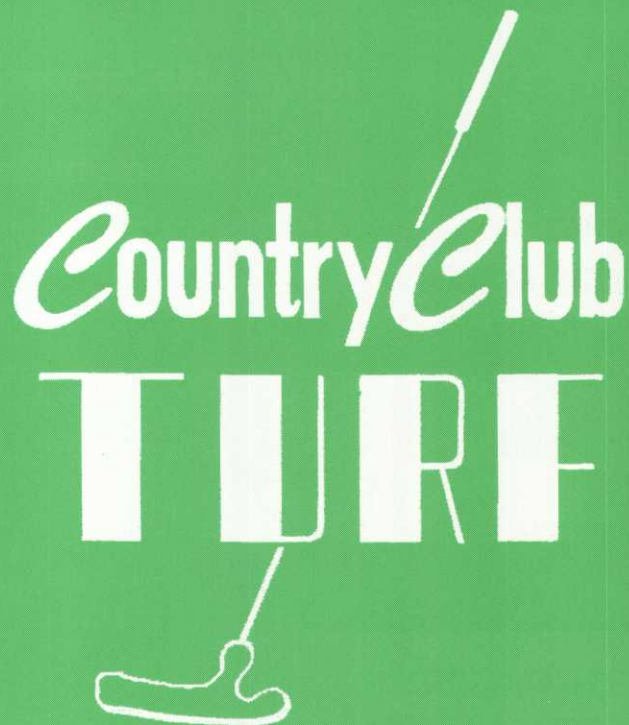
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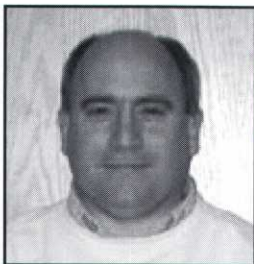
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Monticello Country Club

What a Tournament!

I wasn't able to spend more than a couple hours at Hazeltine National Golf Club to watch the PGA Championship, but from what I saw Jim Nicol, CGCS, his staff and volunteers did an excellent job of preparing the golf course for this tournament. While the agronomics of preparing a course for this type of event have to be challenging, the logistics of managing that many people, as well as being prepared for events like the rainfall that dumped on Hazeltine Friday night is amazing. I can only imagine the thoughts running through everyone's mind when they came to work on Saturday morning to see the huge puddles of water and mud. Needless to say they were prepared and the event went off without further delay. Great Job!

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Just Call Me Jim "Mr. Media" Nicol

I would like to personally thank Jim Nicol for the excellent job he did with the local media. As expected, he did a wonderful job of showcasing not only his golf course, but our profession as well. I made a point of reading several articles that highlighted Jim, the PGA Championship or Hazeltine National, as well as watching news highlights, and in each and every instance Jim came off as the consummate professional. His professionalism made us all look good.

I would also like to thank Jim for arranging for the tent at the PGA Championship. I understand the food was great and the tent made for a safe haven for many who visited on Thursday morning during that day's rain showers.

Thanks Jim!

Keller's Comeback

The media was very complimentary of Golf Course Superintendent Paul Digneau, CGCS, as well. In the first installment of a 10-day golf segment leading up to the PGA Championship in the *Star Tribune*, Paul was given credit for bringing Keller Golf Course's playing conditions back to its previous glory. Great job, Paul!

Pesticide Recertification

Just a reminder, anyone who did not go through their pesticide license recertification last year will need to do so before December 31, 2002. The MDA, MGCSA and MTGF have been working to set up a couple of dates for recertification. There is one at our monthly meeting on October 7th at Mankato CC, another at Minnesota Valley CC, on October 15th and one more at Madden's Golf Resort on November 5th. The MTGF will be sending out registration sheets shortly.

Upcoming Events

Tom Kientzle, CGCS, was our host as we played the Legacy Course at Cragun's on August 26th. I personally enjoyed getting away to play a round of golf with my peers.

After that is the Stodola Scramble at Woodhill Country Club on Monday, September 23. Our host is the illustrious president of our association, Mr. Rick Fredricksen, CGCS. We would love to have a great turnout, so mark your calendars.

On a Sad Note

Our oldest MGCSA member, Gilbert Foster, passed away on August 11th at the age of 93. If you still have old copies of *Hole Notes*, Jack Kolb wrote a nice feature on Mr. Foster in May of 1997. His daughter, Kathy Stillman may be reached at 218-828-4052.

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