

Finger Ride Inspections—

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stated, knock off the kinds of growth regulators and management practices that tend to cause my Poa to look unhappy.

Finally, my notes indicate that players like the course 'looking sexy, not sick.' This perception was caused last year by too much regulation during a stressful period of the summer. Even though the greens were fast as greased lightning, they looked unhappy, ill and in need of water. The membership was not thrilled. I learned the bulk of my players actually want green grass, sexy playing conditions. The snow won't melt fast enough as I wait to fulfill their desires.

Having just placed a new sheet of note paper upon my wall – blue this year – I look toward 2008 as potentially being the best year ever. Sure there will be new lessons to learn and old concepts to implement. And along the way I will endure a 'finger ride' or two and probably do some digit management myself! But right this moment I am going to meander over to my lessons pad and write, "Budget for a new shop or at least an improved office," because the strong breeze outside has pushed a bit of snow and the sub-zero temperatures under my entry door and I am getting cold. Maybe in a few years I will get a new building. *Right!*

2008 Minnesota Green Expo



The 2008 Minnesota Green Expo was again a huge success judging by preliminary attendance numbers and on-site feedback. A complete report will be provided in the March 2007 issue of Hole Notes. Preliminary reports indicate that over 7,700 people attended the Expo this year to view over 1,000 exhibit spaces on the Trade Show floor. Nearly 100 educational sessions were offered, many of which were very conveniently held in the auditorium spaces located within a few feet of the registration area. Approximately 1,800 attendees kicked off the Expo by attending the Keynote address given this year by David Horsager.

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