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About the cover:

Resplendent in its morning glory, the eight hole at Golden Valley, a par three, is beautiful! However this 170 yard test has teeth in the form of bunkers and water. Don't be lulled by good looks at "The Scramble on June 11th.



Mechanical Matters:

This month's guest Mechanic, Chad Braun, describes an easy cure for a persisitant problem. Find the picture/article on page 9. Have idea to share? Please contact me at jack@mgcsa.org.

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WinField Acquires Precision Turf & Chemical

Acquisition strengthens service to customers in the Upper Midwest

SHOREVIEW, Minn. – WinField, one of the nation’s largest distributors of professional products for turf, ornamental, pest control, aquatics and vegetation management, announced today it has completed the acquisition of the assets of Minnesota-based Precision Turf & Chemical. The combination of WinField’s integrated system of partners, services and solutions, and Precision Turf’s team of experts with 30 years of experience, will come together to give customers in the Upper Midwest access to a broader range of products and services.

There has been no change in personnel and we will be providing the same great products and fine service on which we have built our reputation in the industry. With Winfield Solutions you can expect the same dedication to quality and service that you have come to expect from Precision Turf & Chemical over the years. Of course, now you also can expect terrific new additions to our product line.

WinField has 80 service centers across the country and close to 100 sales representatives in golf course management, lawn and sports turf management, pest control, aquatics and vegetative management markets.

“We are excited to strengthen our presence in the Midwest by adding experienced and knowledgeable experts with localized expertise to our team,” said Kanchan Chavan, Director, Professional Products Marketing, WinField. “This acquisition allows WinField to bring the same broad range of products, insights and expertise used at the country’s most prestigious golf courses, sporting venues and commercial properties to the Midwest customers.”

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Presidential Perspective

by Scottie Hines CGCS

I hope everyone is having as fun a spring as I am.

We deserve this after the ugly start to the 2011 season! I have had the opportunity to play a few places and playing conditions are spectacular! Why is it that with everything in great shape, compared to last year, my staff and I seem busier than ever? Hard to explain but the days are going by very fast. I hope this continues to about October first.

One of my staffers and I had a great conversation the other day. This particular guy has worked for me the past few years but went another direction last year. It is a treat to have him back in the fold as he is a jack of almost all trades! Anyway, after a year away he was commenting on how much fun it is to be back and feel appreciated. I asked

what he meant by that. He continued with the fact that at the end of everyday one of my assistants or me personally sees everyone out, gets the re-cap on what did or did not get done and says a very sincere “Thank you for another great day! See you tomorrow.” He commented that no one ever said thanks at his last job. He said that we probably never hear it but that little “Thank you” goes a long way with all the staff.

While I have always tried to do that at the end of every day, I am not always successful. My mentor, Mark Kuhns, CGCS, always did this. I guess I learned that is what needs to be done at the end of the day, but perhaps, somehow, I had forgotten how important those words really are. I am grateful to Dave for reminding me. So in turn, I remind you say thanks. The little things go on a lot longer than we think.

Cheers to the remainder of 2012.

**“I’ll see you at ‘The Scramble’ on June 11!!!
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In Bounds

A friend of mine, Adam Ikamis, Executive Director of the Michigan Chapter of

the GCSAA summed it up in one sentence, “Don’t kid yourself Jack, you are going to be very, very busy.” He was and continues to be correct!!!

It isn’t a good busy, but rather a GREAT busy. In fact this new life opportunity has offered me many more rewards than I had expected when contemplating the position last fall. While the politics, negotiations, publications, networking, speaking engagements, event planning, financial management and everyday minutia of association business were overwhelming at first, all of the new issues have provided a sound degree of personal satisfaction once I acclimated to the challenges.

Somewhat politically active, (oh all right I do march on the State Capitol occasionally) the new role of Executive Director has required me to think about the bigger picture; from a Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association perspective, such as how to maintain our allies and win over golf’s antagonists. As an active representative with the Minnesota Environmental Initiative I have held my personal verbiage and extended the olive branch share to our issues with all at the table including big business, state

agencies, public organizations and political representatives. Although most engagements have focused upon speakers and issues, the MGCSA has always been a welcomed partner.

As an invited participant on the MPCA’s Storm Water Management Turfgrass Work Team I have learned how valuable the MGCSA presence is in discussions. Our industry is considered by those ‘in the know’ a responsible player from construction through management. Our insight was solicited to ensure scientific and realistic objectives were being met beyond the golf course industry and throughout out state.

Holding a seat on the MDA’s Pesticide Management Plan Committee I have learned that our group is a very small target when alongside our friends in the agriculture industry. However their actions and use of chemistries will have a direct impact upon golf course management if we are not present to protect our interests.

Recently the MDA also extended an invitation to our Association to participate on the committee responsible for reviewing and re-writing the Pesticide Certification Workbook for A and E categories. Too be rubbing elbows with the “wheelers and dealers” in the MDA is pretty cool and a big feather in our cap.

And I mean “**our cap**”. There is no j-a-c-k spelled in the MGCSA. Just a whole lot of members too busy getting their jobs done to attend all of the meetings necessary to show our presence on a voluntary basis. At

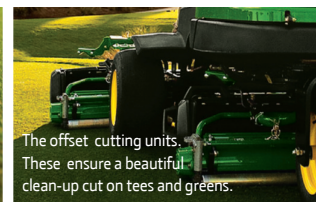
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each and every event I have attended this year the MGCSA, *YOU*, have been graciously and very respectfully welcomed. We are the ones dressed professionally representing a very distinguished profession! Our impression goes beyond meet and greets.

You have noticed a new Hole Notes Magazine. Once a skeptic of the digital format I am now convinced of its readability and very positive promotional format for our Affiliate members. Kudos to Dave Kazmierczak for his editorial magnetism. Since inception, each of our three magazines has averaged 492 reads with 9,524 unique page views. This is an amazing statistic.

Soon to be unveiled, Bob Porter has been busy working on the new MGCSA.org web site with builder LCM Inc. This company, managed by a current superintendent, has the intuitive feel of what professional golf course turf managers are looking for. Everybody hates going to a new

web site only to find “under construction” notes on important pages. Thus the new site will not be ready for business until it is fully operational. In a few weeks you can expect a hard copy mailing with a “how to” guide on managing the new destination. Thanks to Bob for his craftsmanship on this project, completed at a much reduced price due to his competency.

Busy...yup, real busy. Tournament planning, educational formats, financial resolutions, member assimilation and communications (over 80 thus far this year) have kept me hopping. Good thing for all of us the BOD has been exceptional in their position of guiding the MGCSA.

Next on the docket...additional work on the BMP Stewardship Manual, more social and golf events and continued communication. Thanks for this awesome chance to expand my/our horizons!

Mechanical Matters

Contributed by Chad Braun, Equipment Manager, Prestwick Golf

Challenge: Split flange holder is not good at sending grease directly to the bearing. Rather it leaks out in-between the flanges.

Solution: Place a small bead of RTU silicone between the flanges prior to assembly. This forces grease into bearing instead of leaking between flanges. Silicone easily comes apart when replacing the bearing during the next service.



Above, now off the machine you can see the gap and problem in the bearing.

Above you can see the grease oozing out between the flanges on a Toro 3000 reel wheel assembly after application.

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