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\$125 per Player / \$500 per Team

Four Person Scramble *only one MGCSA member per team necessary*

Great Golf Prizes. On course refreshments. Lunch on the course. Heavy hors d'oeuvres immediately following golf with cash bar reception.

Enter Early. Field is limited to 30 teams (120 players).

Taco Bar @ Brats to go (lunch included in registration fee)
Country Club Attire – Collared Shirts. Soft spikes only.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Registration – Driving Range available
11:00 a.m. GOLF - Shotgun
4:00 p.m. Prizes and hors d'oeuvres reception (cash bar).

Contests:

Pro Shop Certificates 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place Draw \$300, 10th Place Draw \$160, 18th Place Draw \$160, 24th Place \$160 Draw (Gross)
Skins Game - \$20 per team 50/50 Split for \$50 Giant Putt Contest prior to shotgun for \$100
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September 8
Badgerland Exposure
Lake Wissota Golf
Host Kris Woppert

October 7
Shoot Out
Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club
Host Mike Manthey

October 13
The Wee One
Brackett's Crossing Country Club
Host Tom Prosheck

November 19
Assistant's Professional Forum
Pinz Bowling Woodbury
Host Casey Andrus

December 3
Winter Mini Seminar
Medina Golf and Country Club
Host Erin McManus

January 15
Beer and Pretzel Social
Nirthern Green Expo
Hosts 27 Hole Challenge Affiliates



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Presidential Perspective

by Roger Stewart, CGCS Superintendent at TPC Twin Cities

August is what I like to call “Hump Month”. The way I look at it is if you can get through the season to August 15 without any major hiccups, chances are the course will make through the rest of the season in good shape as well. The days get shorter, the sun angle becomes less intense and the temperatures become even more comfortable with each passing day. I have been hearing the following phrase quite a bit this year: “It has been a very good year from a weather perspective and if you can’t grow grass in a year like this, you shouldn’t be in this business.” While I’m sure that may ring true for some, others were hit with devastating flooding in June they still haven’t fully recovered from. I can remember dealing with devastating winter kill on greens in 2011 and trying to recover in time for a Champions tour event at the end of July. The spring was cool, damp and perfect for the growth of *Poa annua*. Those who had it recovered well, those with bentgrass had a much

longer road. We need to keep these things in mind and remember Mother Nature does not play favorites.

Speaking of August, the UM Field Day had a large attendance of over 175 people who turned out to see what is going on at what is quickly becoming recognized as a leading turf research facility in the country. If you missed it, you missed a lot. Dr. Brian Horgan and his staff are in the middle of some really interesting research that is on the cutting edge of what golf course management will look like in the future. Research on fine fescues for low input turf used for fairways is on-going at the U of M and while they are not there yet, it seems destined to be the up and coming cool season turf that will require much fewer inputs. Actually, the trials they have there now look pretty good to me, but will require some improvements along with a shift in expectations. Sam Bauer gave a great presentation on the MGCSA Member Driven Research projects, showing us some results from the wetting agent trial and the Primo GGD trials as well. Matt Cavanaugh

talked about his demonstration of common mistakes we make, or we deal with as superintendents and from the banter I heard around me, it might have been the most popular stop on the tour. Look for more of that from Matt in the future. Mark your calendars as soon as the next Field Day is scheduled and make sure you attend this must see event.

This issue of Hole Notes has a couple articles related to bees and the role we can play in improving their habitat and survivability. At the Field Day there was a demonstration project on what composes a good bee lawn and while I don't see this type of turf in playing areas any time soon, we all have plenty of areas that are out of play that could be maintained in this fashion to provide habitat for bees. Several MGCSA members in the metro area have provided room for some hives and worked to set aside some out of play areas for better bee habitat. It was great to see the interest in this initiative by several MGCSA members at the Field Day. There are many resources available for you to learn how you can participate in building bee habitat and you can get it through

the U of M or by contacting Jack MacKenzie, who can point you in the right direction.

In closing, I want to remind all of our MGCSA members of a very important and worthwhile event coming up in October at Brackett's Crossing. The annual Wee One Foundation golf event and fund raiser is coming up and I hope you will have the opportunity to participate in this truly remarkable event. Wee One raises money to assist golf course management professionals and their families who have been or are currently facing life threatening illnesses by providing financial assistance to help with what can be devastating financial burdens.

Our own MGCSA members have been the recipients of assistance from Wee One and I hope you will all consider playing in the event so that others may be helped as well. I guarantee a feel good day for those who can make it to the Wee One!

Thanks for your support and I'll see you on the other side of the hump!

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In Bounds

by Jack MacKenzie, CGCS

A friend of mine in the industry, one whom I have helped from time to time with ideas and thoughtful considerations, will often ask of me following a friendly salutation, "...this is all well and good, but more importantly, what have you done for me lately?"

Obviously this jest is made with humorous intent and is suggested to enhance our friendship as a jovial spar, but behind the thrust is a great question, what had I done for him recently? For that matter, what have I done for YOU recently?

Too be simple and to the point, I've been very busy on your behalf. Two and a half years ago I was hired from the ranks of golf course superintendents to manage your professional association to the best of my abilities utilizing the inherent

needs I had accumulated after many seasons as a turf manager. At the time, I saw the career change as an opportunity to implement what I perceived as "industry demands" beyond communication and event management.

Together, let's face the truth of your industry. As much as you would like to volunteer, and as much as you want to be heard, you just don't have the time to work 50, 60 or even 70 hours a week from April through October and also give extra time to support the industry. And we must not forget the obligations you attempt to maintain on the home front. You have a real juggling act to successfully manage without external hands pulling you from your priorities.

From my point of view, I saw this administrative position as one of true representation of the well intended, yet over-worked,