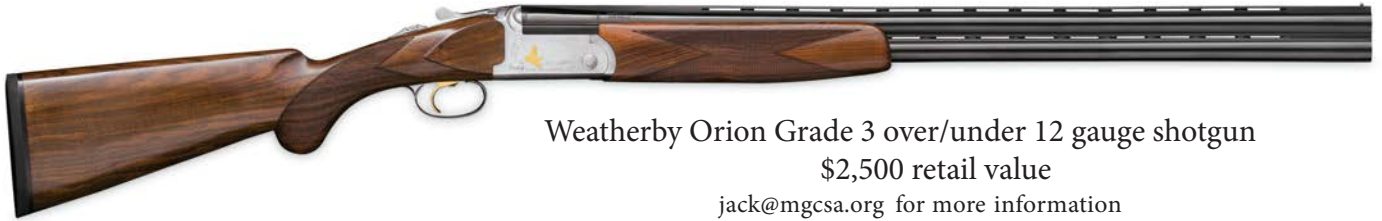


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Within the Leather

by David Kazmierczak, CGCS

I have a confession to make.

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I moved to Minnesota in 1998, a Kansas State Turf School graduate. Up until that point I hadn't really heard too much about the U of M's turf school or how strong the program was. Never heard of a ton of cutting-edge research coming from it. Maybe there was, I just missed it. Strength of an individual program is pretty subjective anyway, but let's be fair and say nobody was comparing it to Penn State. As an impartial observer and increasingly more involved individual I have to say I am impressed with the growth I have seen in the last decade.

Starting with the people. The U of M is extremely fortunate to have a leader in Dr. Brian Horgan basically at the helm of this program. Brian is as articulate as he is smart and his enthusiasm and drive would make Donald Trump proud in my opinion. Right there with him is Dr. Eric Watkins, Sam Bauer and Matt Cavanaugh who I feel share in Horgan's commitment and enthusiasm to turf research and outreach. Add to that Dr. Angela Orshansky, Plant Pathologist who I have not met personally but who's publications so far follow right along

While it most certainly isn't earth shattering or life or career altering, it is a wee bit embarrassing as I have been a superintendent in Minnesota for 15 years, have now been on the MGCSA Board of Directors for three years and editor of this magazine for as long. I have never set foot on the TROE center grounds, much less attended field day at the U of M. This is coming from the guy who wrote a column last month criticizing members for not showing up to events.

To be fair, I didn't have a chance to go to the TROE center for field day the past few years as it was presented via computer in a virtual tour. In the years before that, the event day just didn't jive with my schedule or whatever. I will be changing that this year however, and not just because I feel obligated or because we have a board meeting beforehand. I am truly interested in what is going on at the TROE