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*Happy sister, Esme Counselman, gives new brother Cole, born May 20th, a big hug. Congratulations Shannon and Eric Counselman. Fun times ahead!*

*June 2  
The Scramble  
Fund Raiser Golf Event  
Dellwood Country Club  
Host Eric Peterson*

*June 30th  
South East Exposure  
The Bridges Golf Club  
Host Kyle Kleinschmidt*

*July 21  
The Championship  
Rochester Golf and Country Club  
Host Nick Folk*

*July 28  
Northern Lakes Exposure  
The Wilderness at Fortune Bay  
Host Vince Dodge CGCS*

*September 8  
Badgerland Exposure  
Lake Wissota Golf  
Host Kris Woppert*

*October 13  
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Brackett's Crossing Country Club  
Host Tom Proscheck*



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# Presidential Perspective

by Roger Stewart, CGCS Superintendent at TPC Twin Cities

Someone who has lived in Minnesota all their life

golfers, friends or colleagues and support MGCSA Scholarships and Turf Research at the U of M.

told me that last winter was more like a Minnesota winter. So does that mean we are back into the typical Minnesota-type winter cycle? That's two of those in a row followed by two slow spring warm ups. I wouldn't mind having a bit longer winter or slow spring start if everyone else was good with it as well. Right now it just seems to make people a little less patient and a little whinier. Glad we are moving on to summer even if it didn't really happen until almost June.

This year's event at Dellwood Hills Country Club was the perfect venue for an enjoyable day of golf. Thank you to Dellwood Country Club, the clubhouse staff as well as Eric Peterson and his staff for a great day.

Don't forget about the Wee One event and another great day to give back and raise money to help our peers across the country facing critical health issues. I can think of no more noble cause than to help fellow superintendents during a crucial time in their lives and the lives of their families. Please register to play in this year's Wee One at Brackett's Crossing Country Club. Thank you so very much to the entire Brackett's Crossing Country Club

Speaking of June, I hope everyone who wanted to play in the Scramble got their team together in time for the event. This is a great opportunity to play with some of your members,

family for their generous support of this event.

Next month is a very busy month here at TPC Twin Cities as the Champions Tour comes to town once again for the 3M Championship. This is the only televised golf event that is held in the Twin Cities on an annual basis. Fortunately, the event has had tremendous support from 3M and has raised over ten million dollars for local charities here in the Twin Cities. We welcome anyone to come out and volunteer to help us during tournament week. Like the tournament, we depend on a staff of volunteers to help us provide the best playing conditions and shine a light on golf course management here in the Twin Cities. The fact that we try to have some fun and provide some great fellowship is just a plus for those who can help us. Hope to see you there!

In August, don't forget that the U of M Field Day is returning at the TROE Center. The date is August 7th and there will be some interesting things to see there including some of the results of the MGCSA member driven research that was started last year.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue of Hole Notes. Some great articles including one on ants and their control by Vera Krishek, and an interesting article about the fate of long term nitrogen applications.

Some good reads no doubt, as well as all the latest information on products from our Affiliate members and the companies they represent. Support those that support your association, it's a good thing to do!

It's Giddyup time!





*Hazeltine National Golf Club*  
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# In Bounds

by Jack MacKenzie, CGCS

Alluring eyes watched me closely, two red and

puffy combs meant to entice even the most discerning of hens. Step by step, around my campsite, he pursued me stealthily with intimate dreams, mistaking my form for a female spruce grouse. This was one of several unexpected events I encountered upon my five day spring solo trip into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

My first day and ten miles in, I also encountered another surprise, one that changed my adventure dramatically. Ice, and lots of it, barred my way for the second leg of a 45-mile journey. After much thought, I had to create a plan “B” if I were to continue my adventure into the wilderness.

Stymied by a frozen sheet on the east shore, I was limited to backtracking my steps and creating a new game plan. This move had to be made rapidly, for I feared a shift

in the wind would ice-lock me to my campsite with a horny grouse for the rest of my experience.

Isn't this truly the way of the turf manager as well as the wilderness adventurer? Even the best-laid plans can be altered quite quickly by weather, staffing challenges and even the notorious “surprise” change of a tee time tournament to a last minute shotgun. But as pliable administrators, you plug away always trying to provide the best playing conditions possible taking into account weather thrusts, economic lunges and scheduling parries.

In my early years as a superintendent, I often became frustrated with all of the unanticipated events that messed up my neat and tidy scheduling. Surely my staff thought I was crazy to torture the NOAA ‘weather radio’ in a bench vice when Thor ravaged the trees on the course. Or my never acted upon threats to flatten all the tires in the cart shed to give the pro shop boys a taste of a real