Dear AGC Members,

Warmer weather, longer daylight hours, the blooming of flowers, and the budding of leaves are all signs that spring is here, and that summer is not far behind.

This is always a welcome time of year for us as we ponder another great Minnesota golf season. Personally, I have little doubt that the 2025 season will be historic for us at AGC in many ways. Our incredible progress and continued success is a testament of what can be accomplished through hard work, dedicated employees, a committed board, and an engaged membership. Thanks to each of you for your help in transforming AGC into a success story that we can all be proud of!

Resorters Update

Registrations for the 104th Resorters hit a record high this year! 616 registrants from all over the United States signed up in hopes of capturing a coveted spot in our flagship event. We have been creative in our efforts to expand the field in recent years and our current capacity is 536 over the 10 divisions we offer. Given our capacity constraints, the Resorters committee has the difficult task of disappointing some 80 entrants who can't be accommodated in this year's event. It is one of the hardest challenges we face in running the largest match play tournament in the country.

That said, I'm grateful for the incredible interest we have from golfers everywhere to participate in one of the premier amateur events in golf. The Resorters provides immeasurable benefits to AGC, to the Alexandria community, and to our local businesses. As we drive improvements each year, and add new events like the Par 3 Contest, the Resorters will only get better! Thank you to all that volunteer each year to make it such a special event.

Little Darling Update

We continue to work feverishly as we plan for the opening of The Little Darling Par 3 Course this summer. As the spring progresses and we monitor the grow-in of the new grasses around the course, we will determine the appropriate grand opening date and communicate it as soon as possible.

You will begin to see a lot of activity on Little Darling in the weeks ahead as we prepare for the opening of this terrific new venue:

- *Final grading of the cart paths has begun as we prepare for asphalting of some 1.2 miles of paths to be completed in Mid-May.*
- *Grading of the access road off Nokomis, parking area and retention pond will be completed in May. We will not be asphalting any of these areas until the Junior Learning Center construction is completed. This will avoid damage to asphalt and minimize our overall costs for the project.*
- *A cement foundation pad for our Starter Building (and temporary pro-shop) will be prepped and poured during May. The cement pad will then be the location for our 16' x 20' building that will function as our pro-shop for the grand opening season. The stylish building will include many of the aesthetics of our current pro-shop and clubhouse – white siding, green trim and green metal roof with a 5-foot porch. Below is the inspiration for the appearance of the building – it will be a great look for The Little Darling Par 3 Course.*

- *Additional maintenance equipment has been ordered or purchased to ensure Jake Fenno (Little Darling Superintendent) is able to maintain the course in meticulous fashion. We have also ordered Little Darling Tee Markers and Tee Signs that will reflect the spectacular nature of The Little Darling Course and add a touch of class consistent with the venue.*
- *As most of you know, we have been very deliberate in the overall branding and messaging of The Little Darling Par 3 Course. A key objective has always been to develop a venue that gets more of our youth involved in golf at younger ages so they can learn the valuable life lessons that come from the great game. The other primary objective is to ensure Little Darling provides an environment where families and friends can have fun while building memories to last a lifetime. As Little Darling opens, you will find a number of design elements and added features that will make the Little Darling experience unique and entertaining. With this in mind, we are introducing a tagline to The*

Little Darling Par 3 Course that is consistent with those objectives and compliments our AGC theme of Discover the Difference. The Little Darling tagline will be "Discover the Fun!" I've shown it below with our Little Darling logo:

"Discover the Fun!"

2025 promises to be an exciting year for us at AGC and we are thrilled you will all be part of these history making events! Thanks for all you do.

All the best,

Jerry Rose

Little Darling Project Chair and Resorters Chairman