Weather Words

Has the world really gone crazy or am I affected by a premature middle age form of senility!? A strange way you may think of opening this month's Chairman's column - but wait, look around you. Tropical like weather conditions, with torrential rain coupled with thunder and lightening and mid 30's Celsius temperatures causing severe damage to our golf courses, bringing complaints from golfers of washed out bunkers and casual water on fairways. Maybe it's just me, but how did we manage to place more importance on this when we have a village in Cornwall almost being washed away before our very eyes and live on TV to boot.

It's a given in today's world that golfers travel fair distances in order to get their fix of the latest 'wonder' design but are we/they so totally insulated from the real world, even with minute by minute weather forecasting and news coverage, that we expect golf courses to be some kind of oasis amongst these strange weather patterns.

To listen to some, emerging early on a bright August morning, you could be forgiven for thinking that they had arrived from another planet, let alone another part of the same country!

Today, and in keeping with the latest Health and Safety procedures, we have sounded the Klaxon to customer who has been offended by a ranger asking him to speed up his pace of play. The customer, a golfer who has been offended by a ranger asking him to speed up his pace of play. The customer, a golfer who has been on a beach just after the tide has ebbed. Yet another complaint from a member that, because the loss of customers but also in your own wellbeing. Stress is a killer and the biggest form of stress is not knowing how to deal with or control a situation. You don't need to take that chance!

In closing, if all else fails, don't forget sometimes to laugh, it works wonders.

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