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Why is it that bad weather always seems to happen on a Friday? I know I'm not the only greenkeeper who feels this is more fact than opinion.

As I write it is Friday morning and members are arriving to play but the rain means it's just not possible to comprehend why they can't get a game off for the rest of the day. That's been followed by two days. That's been followed by night five inches of rain fell - would anyone believe.

One of the highlights of the week for me was the keynote speech by General "Stormin" Norman Schwarzkopf of Gulf War fame who talked about what it took to be a great leader.

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