

## To all, a fond farewell...

Two years ago, with a strong sense of apprehension, I accepted the position as editor of the *Florida Green*. I saw a void which needed to be filled and made a commitment to the association and to myself to do my best in helping out. I knew there were big shoes to fill and a proud tradition to uphold.

I also knew that I by myself could not make the *Florida Green* successful. I knew the key to success was held in the hand of the rank-and-file membership. Its success came. It came primarily not from my efforts but the efforts of hundreds of caring members.... members who would write columns for the magazine... who would send in photos for the articles... who would talk to other members and encourage them to take part in making their magazine the envy of other industry publications.

And it worked. You, the members, have molded, shaped and cultured the finest turf maintenance magazine avail-

able. It is a publication which we can proudly show to our club officials and owners. It is an avenue to learn the best ideas from the brightest superintendents in the business. It has character, color and occasional wit and it is all because you care so much.

As for me, I have simply been a caretaker of the *Green*. I have had the privilege to be associated with such a fine and prestigious publication. And I have grown quite fond of being the editor. But, alas, all things must come to an end. After this issue, I will no longer be the editor of the *Green*. I have enjoyed it immensely and publicly thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve my association and my friends. Hopefully if the Lord permits I may one day again be able to be of assistance.

A special thanks goes to Marie Roberts whose patience, understanding and efforts have also played a big part in the success of the *Green*. The new editor of

the *Green* is an old friend answering the call to duty. Joel Jackson will take this magazine to new heights if you give him the same support you have given to me... his vision and leadership will be a fresh viewpoint that will guide the direction of the *Green*.

The changing of the guard will serve as a reminder to all of us that no one is indispensable. As Napoleon said, "The graveyards are full of indispensable people."

Time marches forward. Only the romantic and naive are afforded the luxury of reminiscing on the past.

Finally, let me say I have enjoyed your help, your friendship and your fellowship. I hope in some small way I may have added a little humor, hope or wit when it was needed. Until we meet again, may God bless and keep you safe.

TJB

## Would a rose by any other name...?

Dear Joel:

It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature.... Your most recent treatise is a sample of Florida reality but contains one slight inaccuracy that we should have clarified with a Milorganite plant tour when you were up at our Wisconsin Turfgrass Symposium several years ago.

You state you were in deep Milorganite. Most of the world laughs at the mention of our product because we have not done a good job of informing people what our product is really made of and from.

The usual perception of our product is Milorganite is, uh, well, do-do, stuff, kaka; but it is not. Milorganite is produced in a process where the naturally occurring, microscopic bacteria, unicellular animals, plants, and the free-swimming ciliates that consume the food sources that come to us in the waste water, are dried and form our fertilizer. It is these bio-solids that are the

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You're always welcome to come up here at any time of year and interview a perma-

nent Wisconsin resident, Old Man Winter...

Please feel free to call if I can assist.

Sincerely yours,

**Terry W. Ward**

**Sales Manager, Milorganite**

Dear Terry,

No aspersions were intended toward such a venerable and respected product like Milorganite. Say Milorganite and the world laughs with you. Say bio-solids and you laugh alone! By the way, I've been trying to reach Old Man Winter, but I hear he's out of the country. Something about a lot of bad press in Wisconsin this spring!

Sincerely,

**Joel Jackson, CGCS**

**Asst. Editor**