

You say you had a lot of rain this past winter? Your course lost some revenue? You say you had a tough time with your greens. Well aren't you glad you didn't have to rebuild Pebble Beach? After finally drying out and putting it back

together, they just finished playing a golf tournament in August that they started in January.

You say you were hit with a scalding hot drought this past spring, and you had a rough transition? Well, aren't you glad you didn't have to evacuate the county because a wildfire

was burning up your golf course? At least now they've got better air circulation around those greens.

You say your irrigation system is outdated and you had a rough time watering during the drought? Had to work overtime and do extra hand watering. Well, aren't you glad that, when the rains finally came, they didn't come all at once and wash away the dam that controlled your irrigation lake. Here you go. Hook up to this 2-inch fire hydrant and water the course. The city will fix that dam when they can get around to it!

You say you have to use the summer months to do projects because that's when the members are gone and it cuts into your summer vacation. Well how would you like to have five summer renovation projects going on at once. They're all interdependent and one contractor is

holding up the others and you've got a course to open in 60 days. Not even lawyers can solve this one!

You say you got some heat over the course conditions this past winter? You thought you had the course back in good shape. Well, how would you like for a buddy to call you and tell you he just saw your job advertised in an out-of-town paper? The good news is the superintendent who is still the superintendent can apply for his old job which he still has while they search for someone else.

These are just a few examples of when your grass is greener than the other guy's. About the time we think we're getting dumped on by someone or by nature, there's always somebody that's in the same boat or even in worse shape.

That's why a visit to your local superintendent chapter's monthly meeting can be very therapeutic and ease the weight on those sagging shoulders and put the spring back in your step. You are not alone when the slings and arrows of adversity are hurled at you. It is how you handle the pressure that helps you through these ordeals. There's strength in numbers, so get on over to that next meeting and find out how your peers are coping with the frustrations of this wonderful but often wacky profession.

And then there is this one. The big guy from Arkansas leans on the podium, looks right into the camera, shakes his finger at us and says, "I never had sexual relations with that woman..." After reading the Starr report, I'd say he's really got a problem. He doesn't even know what sex is!

Keep the green side up and be careful out there!

So You Think You've Got Problems?

Green Side Up



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