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Where did the year ago? This is my final President’s Message for the Florida Green. Next issue you’ll see Paul Crawford’s smiling face in this space. I won’t bore you with a farewell address enumerating the past year’s many accomplishments and thanking everyone who contributed to our successes — it just doesn’t seem appropriate. We have too many projects in the working stages to rest on any laurels. I do, however, feel satisfied that we are moving in the right directions.

I suppose everyone that serves a professional association such as the FGCSA discovers some truths, or develops an agenda or set of guiding principles. I am no exception. I truly believe that we must maintain and amplify our activism on behalf of the golf industry. Sure it gets discouraging when others within our industry seem oblivious to our common problems. But does that mean we should also stick our heads in the sand? Think of us as the Marines of golf, hitting the beaches and leading the way.

Does anyone doubt our worst battles are still ahead of us? A former employee now working for DER tells me that Carol Browner absolutely hates golf courses. Does anyone doubt the need for the research we sponsor, or the research soon to be conducted at the Envirotron? Or the need for a lobbyist to look after our interests in Tallahassee? Does anyone doubt that South Florida golf courses would have gotten the shaft from the utility companies and the South Florida Water Management District if Tom Benefield hadn’t effectively represented us in the rules-making workshops and made our concerns known?

I also truly believe that we must marshal our forces to have a chance of winning the coming battles. This means more superintendents need to get involved. It means let’s not make the mistake of the Native Americans and get defeated tribe by tribe because we won’t extend a hand to those who offer to help. Strength lies in numbers. Though I am stepping down as president, I still expect to stay very active, following the lead of many of our former presidents who still make significant contributions. Activism on behalf of the profession that sustains you should be thought of as a lifelong commitment and not a short-term promissory note.

Finally, let’s not forget that it takes money to accomplish anything. We have developed some fund-raising programs which require some effort on your part to be successful. We will continue to streamline and expand these programs. Please take the time to participate and get your neighbors to participate — the results can be significant if substantial numbers of us cooperate.

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Have you called any of your fellow superintendents lately? I have and most are too busy to talk for any length of time. It seems that all of them are like me... knee deep in their summer cultural programs.

Aerifying, topdressing, verticutting, spraying for weeds and, of course, treating for that scourge, the filthy mole cricket.

It is fitting that we dedicate this issue to the dreaded mole cricket which wreaks havoc on the golf course community. Mr. Mole Cricket is a mindless imbecile whose sole purpose in life is to keep golf course superintendents awake at night and keep the chemical manufacturers busy peddling their wares.

Not only are the chemical companies busy, but also those chemical application companies are working night and day doing jobs most of us used to do. Their big spray tanks and slit applicators are rolling up and down the highways but how does their service really affect the golf course industry?

I believe that these companies can — and in some instances, do — hurt as much as they help. There are companies out there which put their profit margins ahead of the proper application of the product. I have heard more than one company representative boast that he can do an entire 18-hole, 125-acre golf course in one night.

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I guess what really bothers me about the whole process is that we as a group are becoming contractors of our maintenance activities rather than operators of them. It is easy to go this route; anyone can contract out maintenance tasks. Hell’s bells, guys, your average club member can set up contracts to do this work! I personally like to do my own spraying, fertilizing, verticutting and aerifying. I take great pride in performing the jobs that are vital to the success of our maintenance operations. It is a disturbing trend which one day will take its toll on our profession.

Speaking of people making their living at our expense, what about that famous bird lover with the talk show on the radio?

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