Sometimes the keeping of the green is like hanging from the high wire! You don't like hanging there but the choice of letting go is not too inviting, either.

It seems to me that it is like that when you are standing between two factions in your club! One faction wants the putting surface as slick as a new car's just waxed hood, and the other faction wants them so long you could lose a quarter when you mark your ball. That's when the virtue of prudence comes into play. The ability to chart the middle course while letting each faction think they have gotten at least the better of the compromise. The ability to keep your cool and get along with the crew and the members in times of stress and negotiate some compromises when needed has nothing to do with growing grass but is oh, such an important part of being a good superintendent.

Be sure and read the article in this issue by William Smart of IBB Country Club.