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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are You Ready for Spring?

By Robert Panuska



Having just returned from the GCSAA national convention in San Diego, I am ready for Spring! There is something about the smell of freshly cut grass that activates that desire to "get back in the saddle" and get out on the course. The weather was perfect and the educational sessions, networking, social gatherings and trade show were excellent. Our "informal" MGCSA gathering in the historic gas lamp district was a great success. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend. We will repeat this format at the conference in Orlando next year.

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I would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards, e-mails and flowers or plants to my family after the death of my mother on January 31st. While her passing was not unexpected, her sudden death did hit us hard. My dad and brothers were awestruck by the support that you showed us. Thank you again.

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There is something about attending the national convention that sets me up for spring. I don't know if it is the warm weather and green grass or getting together with others in the business, but it is a turning point in the year for me. My assistant Seth and I were reviewing our equipment repair list with our mechanic Al and we realized that we are on the home stretch and soon the only thing left will be golf cart service! With the last few years lack of snow cover, I guess it just did not seem like I went through the "transition" from one season to the next. No problem with that "transition" this year.

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A special thanks to everyone who has "stepped up to the plate" and volunteered their time to serve on an MGCSA committee. The strength of any organization depends on the involvement of its members. Watch future issues of *Hole Notes* for updates of activities of the various committees of the MGCSA. If you are so inclined, please do not hesitate to volunteer to serve on a committee, simply give me a call or the committee chair. This is YOUR organization and as the old saying goes, "the more you put into it the more you will get out of it".

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I look forward to seeing many of you at the March Mini-Seminar. James Bade and the Education Committee have done an outstanding job of pulling this one together.

Until next month,
Rob

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