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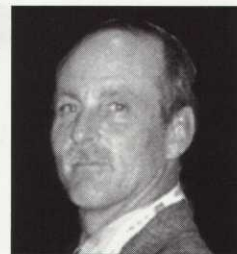
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Free Golf and Lunch at The Crossings At MGCSA's October 11th Meeting

By Robert Panuska



What a perfect day and venue for our annual Harold Stodola Research Scramble at Somerset Country Club on August 16th. James Bade and his staff had the course in outstanding condition. Thank you to everyone who participated. Again thanks to all of our sponsors for your support.

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Free golf and lunch in October for all MGCSA members at our meeting in Montevideo at The Crossings Golf Club on October 11th. This is possible because of the support we have received from our event sponsors this season. Please take the time to thank them when you have the opportunity. The goal of our monthly meetings is to offer the opportunity to get to know other members and share information as well as enjoy a day of golf and good company. Even though there is no cost, Scott needs to know how many will be attending, so please send in your pre-registration form. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Death, taxes and change are all sure things in life. As soon as we think "we have it all figured out" regardless of what "IT" is, something comes along and "changes" things. Now we are back at square one trying to "figure out" what went wrong. Well, I don't think in most cases anything actually went wrong, the situation just "changed" and the expected outcome was not what we planned. There is no better example of this than in our profession – managers of turfgrass.

Dealing with multiple variables all the time has become second nature and part of the job. This really came to light for me last month as I was explaining to a member of our club the "process" I use to prepare a site for seeding or sodding. Somewhere around step 5 or 6 his eyes had that glazed-over look and the expression on his face was priceless! "You mean I can't just level it off and roll out the sod?" I soon realized that I had lost him in the "possible problems" and solutions to the "simple" job of laying sod. Back up the truck and let's go out to the actual site and walk through the steps and the "simple" solutions to each problem. Nothing like the "hands-on approach" to get you through a "simple" explanation.

After a very successful job, he came back and thanked me for the advice and help, but more important, he realized that he had no idea what it really took to do such a "simple" job. I forget that we need to slow down and really take the time to explain all those "simple" jobs to our members and committees at every opportunity. We take for granted that everyone knows what we do. WRONG!

Until next month,

Rob

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