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President's Message

Dean Graves



What a wonderful spring! It was a little dry & a little cool but a whole lot better than the alternative. I can not remember a windier spring that what we just had. With the mild winter and complementary spring I trust all of our courses are going into the summer being very healthy. Who knows what kind of summer this will be—so good luck!

During the last few years my club has become very active with the Audubon Sanctuary Program. As a spin-off from the program, there have been acres of "naturalized" areas established with fescues and wildflowers. This spring they look beautiful!!! The staff has received more complements and accolades regarding these areas—especially the wildflowers.

These changes do need to be advertised and promoted to the golfers especially if they are added to a completely mowed golf course. I did have one golfer ask me when I was going to mow the "weeds" along the fifteenth tee. I asked her to wait a month and then if she still wanted them mowed I would support her suggestion. A month later that area

was a 1/4 acre of beautiful wildflowers.

A prolonged discussion was given during our last BOD meeting. The topic was, "Is the Board of Directors in touch with the members of the association?" How do we on the Board best keep in touch with and anticipate the needs of the membership? I hope all of you feel that any and all suggestions are welcomed and are listened to. If any of you have any suggestions please call anybody on the board.

We do feel that all of our respective jobs take much of our time especially during the summer. The BOD hopes to hire an Executive Secretary before the end of this year. We are presently interviewing five very promising applicants for this position and hope to select the finalist by July.

Have a great season. Do not forget your family or friends during your busiest time of the year.

Respectfully,
Dean M. Graves, President



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