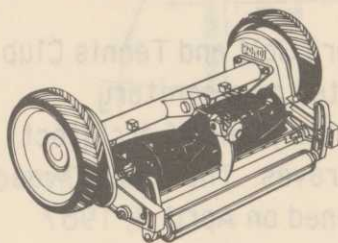


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dependable staff, and Kikuyugrass control are causing major maintenance headaches. It was interesting to see that in this sector of Golf Course Maintenance, golfers are perceived as a problem more so than in the Municipal or Public sector.

Overall, it is interesting to note that 33% of the respondents have either poor irrigation or are experiencing many problems with wet and dry spots, poor coverage, and poor control of their systems. 10.5% have heavy play (COMPACTION) problems, 10.5% have staff problems, 8.5% have problems with poor soils and equipment maintenance, and the remaining responses address golfers, fungus, Poa, carts, and bunkers.

On the matter of the second question: What is expected from GCSANC, 2/3 of the responses said that they want information and education through the meetings and the newsletter. (I'm doing me bloody best lads) Another 1/3 of the members want camaraderie with their peers, and the remaining responses are concerned with improvement of our professional image.

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**As Spring approaches,**  
I look around and see blooming flowers; feel the warm and soothing sun, and notice that everyone seems to have a little zip to their walk.