Let your members/golfers, local media, and any one else of significance know what you are doing to conserve. We must be on top of the situation, and be prepared to express that as large scale water users, we are doing the utmost to share the responsibilities in water conservation.

Paul Dias, CGCS
President

EDITORIAL: GOLF

Once my Presidency came to an end, I thought my letter writing would follow suit. The topic I am addressing is one that I addressed several times in my President’s Message—“GOLF PRIVILEGES.”

It has been brought to my attention several times, and it has also happened at my home course; a person has a tee time, shows up to play golf, and flashes a Superintendent’s Association card and “expects” a complimentary green fee. “WRONG”

Every golf course (private, public, or municipal) has the right “to or not to” grant a complimentary green fee to whomever they choose—regardless of your organization affiliation. As a member of GCSANC you may call the Superintendent well in advance (one day is not enough) and ask what their policy is, and then it is up to the Superintendents “Club Policy on whether to grant complimentary green fees or not. When showing up at a course without prior notification, you have a tee time and/or are playing with a member, the green fee should be paid.

Feel fortunate that clubs usually extend this privilege during our monthly meetings. Further abuse by members may well bring to an end any complimentary green fees by any club. Many Superintendents have no control over the club policies. Calling the Superintendent at the same course several times a month is just as much of an abuse as the previous one discussed. Remember, as a member of GCSANC (no matter which classification you are) your actions are a reflection on us all, locally and nationally. Be professional enough to show “Common Sense” courtesy to call a fellow Superintendent and let them know you may be at their course for a meeting, golf if invited, or whatever the case may be.

Sincerely,
Al Schlothauer, CGCS

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