

THRU THE GREEN

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, it's getting close to the end of the year and we can start looking ahead. Hopefully we can look ahead to a wet, wet winter. I know for some of us water rationing, due to the extended drought, has become a way of life. In a way there were some benefits and valuable lessons learned, as many of the Superintendents I have talked to, have gained new insights into water usage. We have learned that we can get by with less water and still have a playable course. I feel overall we have become better managers of our resources, but now lets get on with the rain.

Coming up on December 7th is our annual Christmas party. This year golf and dinner will be at Rancho Canada with Tim Greenwald as our host. This annual event is a great opportunity for all of our members including Superintendents, Associates, Affiliates, etc. to get together play golf, relax and just have a good time. It is also appropriate at this event to acknowledge our affiliate members who have been so supportive in the past and continue to be. The support is appreciated and we thank you for your generosity.

I recently read an article dealing with substance abuse in the workplace and coincidentally I became aware of a couple situations that were

occurring on golf courses with employees using drugs. It makes a person stop and think. Are you aware of any substance abuse, meaning alcohol or drugs, on your crew or in your shop? You might be surprised. Almost every employer will say no way, but do they really know?

Some facts are, fourteen out of everyone hundred employees abuse drugs on the job, and 60 percent of those drug abusers sell drugs to other employees. One out of every four drug abusers steals from his or her company to support their habit. This abuse costs the nations economy over \$100 billion dollars in 1988 through lost productivity, accidents, health and medical expenses and theft of property.

I don't think any of us can afford to overlook these kind of figures and the problems they represent. Just the safety aspect of it on a golf course is a cause for great concern. I don't know enough to offer a solution, but awareness and knowing what to look for would be a start. The threat of drug testing, but most of all education would also act as a deterrent.

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GROSS

First

Ross Brownlie 68

Second

Bobby Cox 73

NET

First

Robert Dauterman 65

Second

Gale Wilson 65

Third

Don Paul 69

Fourth

Wes Asmussen 69

Fifth

Mike McCraw 69

Six

Russ Tsuitsui 69