

It's that time of the year! Aerifiers are feverishly pounding away at the turf surfaces on properties across the region. Superintendents and their staffs are now shifting into overdrive as a new season rapidly approaches. I hope that everyone's aerification goes smoothly and with a minimum of breakdowns, both mechanical and mental.

Things are cranking up on the GCSANC Board as well. We had our first Past President's Committee meeting. There were about 14 people in attendance. I thought it was a valuable experience. I admit to some hesitation in inviting such a large group to delve into the association's current issues. In this instance, I thought it was a successful endeavor. It was important to communicate the hot button issues that the current BOD faces out to this portion of the membership. This will allow the BOD to effectively mainstream the important issues out to the general membership.

The newsletter is currently a concern with the rising printing and postage fees. In order to reduce our costs, we will solicit to our membership people who would be willing to voluntarily receive the newsletter electronically in lieu of the printed version. This should help defray some of the costs of the newsletter and thusly provide for a better bottom line for our association's budget.

Our educational opportunities, including the Institute, are being evaluated... again. I think this is a healthy process and some of the philosophies of late have been challenged by the committee. I think this is a sign of health - that members want to get involved and have a say. It is after all, YOUR association. The Institute remains a challenge due to its coincidence in timing with the State Meeting. Some consideration is being given to combining the Annual Meeting with the January seminars. Nothing set in motion on this event yet, but a serious topic of conversation. This could lead to an exciting new form of January meeting.

Mark your calendars! Monday, May 12 is golf at Boulder Ridge. It is a noon shotgun followed by a no-host bar cocktail reception. It should be a great breather and reward for all the stress associated with the aerification during March and April. Don't forget that the annual Superintendent/Pro event is June 16 at Stonebrae. This event promises to be one that no one will forget!

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