

## COMMON SENSE

A few weeks after moving to a new country club, a superintendent complained to the retiring superintendent of the golf course about the poor cooperation he had received from the club's general manager and also about how poorly he felt the whole operation was run by the club officials in general. He had hoped the retiring superintendent might repeat his feelings to the management of the club.

The next time the new superintendent went to the club house the general manager greeted him with a big smile, told him how happy he was to see him and that he hoped he liked his new home town and to please let him know if there was anything he could do to help him and his wife get settled. The manager also mentioned that several prominent members of the club were very pleased with the progress on the golf course in the short time he had been there.

Later the superintendent reported to the retiring superintendent of the miraculous change he had encountered with the manager. "I suppose you told the SOB how poor of an operation I thought he was running," he said.

"Well, no", the old superintendent said. "In fact — and I hope you don't mind — I told him you were amazed at the way he had built up this small club into what it is today; and that you thought it was one of the best run country clubs you have ever seen."

Moral to story: It's always easy to criticize something or someone — but where does it get you if you are not offering constructive criticism. The goal of criticism is to leave the person with the feeling he has been helped.

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The Joliet Park District is looking for a Superintendent for the Inwood Golf Course.

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Yours very truly,  
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## EDITOR GOES TO G.C.S.A.A. OFFICIAL DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING

On January 12th the G.C.S.A.A. dedicated their new office building in Lawrence, Kansas. The Bull Sheet editor, being one of the past presidents, was invited to be a guest for this occasion. There were nine past presidents that attended. The hospitality I received was beyond my expectation. There was a cocktail hour on Friday evening, Jan. 11th, followed by a wonderful dinner in the Alameda Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. We stayed overnight in this hotel. The next morning at 9:15 a bus was waiting for us at the door of the hotel. After a one hour and ten minute ride we arrived at the new office building. Within the building we were introduced to the office staff and taken on a tour of the building. At 11:30 our chartered bus took us to a nearby motel for lunch, at 12:45 we were back at the new office building for the arrival of the Governor of the State of Kansas. Also present was the Senator from Kansas and also the Mayor, which happens to be a lady, from the City of Lawrence, Kansas. Each of these three dignitaries gave a short welcome address to all of us from the State of Kansas.

The picture taking was in action all during the day. Some of these pictures you will see at a later date. The board of directors did a wonderful job along with the G.C.S.A.A. personnel in executing the many details that are required to make a dedication of this kind perform so well, as this one did. At 3 P.M. we boarded our charter bus for the airport. This is usually a one hour ride. I personally enjoyed the entire program. I had a chance to visit with many of my long time friends and made acquaintance with many new ones.

The new building is attractive next to a golf course. My other comment would be it appears to be a little far from the airport or other convenient public transportation. But then, again, maybe my age has something to do with this last statement.

Ray H. Gerber

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