

Dear Members,
 We are truly living in an "information age". In order to provide you with current information on turfgrass activities in Illinois, the ITF is sponsoring a quarterly newsletter.

ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FACTS will contain announcements of scheduled events of interest to the turfgrass community and timely articles on turfgrass management practices. ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FACTS can also be a vehicle for ITF members to express their views and opinions. Please send any thoughts you may have for a short note or an article to me. Any suggestions will be thoughtfully considered.

I hope ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FACTS will develop from this humble beginning into a valuable source of information about turfgrass management in Illinois. This newsletter is another way in which you can benefit from the research and educational programs you so generously support through your membership in the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation.

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Dear Ray,

How often we forget to stop and smell the roses.

"CONSIDERATION"

It's a known fact, "two heads are better than one",
 But not when they're on the same body.

Just as with the opposite end,

When trying to share the same potty.

How easy to condemn the first one in sight,

When out of nowhere strides a new blight.

We shouldn't forget accomplishments of the past,

When lighting the wick ready to blast.

From time to time how great a helpful hand,

When given to aid, not to command.

It's often been said, perhaps as a tease,

Sometimes the cure is worse than the disease.

Superintendently,

**Kenneth R. Zanzig
 Green Garden C.C.**

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOLF

- I Thou shalt complain about how badly thou hast been playing before teeing off on the first hole.
- II Thou shalt always stand close enough to thine opponent so that thy shadow can be seen.
- III Thou shalt always remind thine opponent of hazards such as water, sand or out-of-bounds.
- IV Thou shalt keep count of thine opponent's strokes, reminding him or her of any overlooked.
- V Thou shalt determine when "Winter rules" are in effect, at thine own option.
- VI Thou shalt determine when a mulligan is in order.
- VII Thou shalt declare all thine own second putts to have been "a gimme".
- VIII Thou shalt offer advice to thine opponent after every errant shot.
- IX Thou shalt express sympathy for thine opponent whenever his or her putt rims the hole.
- X Thou shalt conclude thy round by advising thine opponent that "everybody has one bad round".

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