

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

LIFE AND TIMES IN THE FOX VALLEY

There is something to be said about fancy country clubs and working for an exclusive golf course as the superintendent. I suppose that everyone has a deep-down yearning for the top job in the district. After all, we all have an ego. But, no matter where we work, we probably find several reasons for wanting to stay and do the best job possible. Whether it is community location, membership co-operation, privileges at the course, or the type of golf course; it makes all the difference in the world about any decision that has to be made about changing job location. Moving is a tough decision to make because it not only affects future job security, but it involves the happiness of the entire family and the adjustment to a big move.

Every year I get the bug to move to another golf course, yet it has nothing to do with the above-mentioned reasons for staying. This feeling is like clockwork every year. And I think after nine seasons at my club, we have finally figured it out. First of all, there is the sudden letdown at the end of the season when I'm not as busy every day. It is difficult to adjust to a new pace, one with some free time and peace of mind. Then there is the frustrating situation of having to fight for a new budget. I certainly feel justified in asking for more money for the club operation when I have had to wrestle with a golf season. Arbitrary budget cuts from the board of directors really bug me. It's a good thing we are least permitted to defend expenditures and hopefully get some or all of it back. I am sure other people share the same worry at the end of the season, when the new board becomes active. It is no fun having to re-educate a new green chairman after you have just gotten used to the last one. Thank God for vacations and a chance to take those "10 deep breaths".

Between the holidays, a little vacation, and a trip to the annual GCSAA Conference, most of us get our motivation back. And by the end of the winter season, we are all chomping at the bit to get those greens cut and traps reworked. It's not such a bad life out there in the valley, taking care of my little country golf course after all. Tell me, do you guys at the fancy clubs get these kinds of feelings once in a while too?

Peter Leuzinger, CGCS

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The Reverend Richard Stephens, Vicar of a church in Cheshire, England: "Our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century, without coal fires until the 14th, without buttered bread until the 16th, without tea or soup until the 17th, without gas, matches or electricity until the 19th, without cards, canned or frozen foods until the 20th. Now what was it you were complaining about?"

To accuse others for your own misfortune is a sign of lack of education; to accuse yourself shows that your education has begun; to accuse neither others nor yourself shows that your education is complete.

Epictetus

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