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President's Message

With spring upon us, the many spring flowers just starting to bloom, one cannot help but get fired up for another golf season. The grass turning from brown to green. The trees beginning to bud, a smell of spring definitely is in the air.

I got a letter from the Wadsworth Construction Company yesterday telling about a golf course worker getting electrocuted while repairing an irrigation leak. With many courses getting ready to energize their systems, it was recommended that **all** power be turned off to the field before you dig up a leak. Pretty good advice not only now, but throughout the season as we repair irrigation problems.

At the recent CDGA Green Seminar, three of our members did an outstanding job of presenting talks to a record 300 people. Mr. Len Berg and Mr. Dave Ward talked on "Playing Conditions Today and Tomorrow". Mr. Pete Leuzinger gave a presentation on "The Role of the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent." Also, on the program was Mr. Gordon Witteveen, Superintendent at Board of Trade Club in Ontario, Canada, who gave his talk on "Twenty-five Years of Mistakes," which the audience had a few laughs at. Dr. Wilkinson gave an update on the Turfgrass Specialist position then fielded questions from the floor and duties and responsibilities of the person. The guest speaker for the seminar was Mr. Joe Jemsek, golf course owner, who told a few golf stories then turned the microphone over to Mr. Ted Sokolis who gave an excellent slide presentation on Mr. Jemsek's new gem, Pine Meadow Golf Club in Mundelein. The entire seminar was well received by those in attendance before adjourning to cocktails and lunch.

I would be remiss at this time of year if I didn't encourage your attendance at our monthly meetings. Mike Nass and his committee have done a masterful job of getting our meetings arranged. Our education committee is working on getting some excellent outside speakers lined up for these meetings. And don't forget, to be eligible for our golf championship, you must participate in two of our outings during the season. Our joint meeting this year will include the Michiana Superintendents as well as the Central and North Central groups. The event is scheduled for May 20, 1985 at Silver Lake Golf Club with Mr. Dudley Smith as our host. Hopefully, we can have a large group of superintendents from the four associations attend and support the ongoing research at the University of Illinois.

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