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President's Message

Well, it seems that the Chicago area should be deemed "the land without spring". We again experienced droughty conditions combined with extreme heat in April. Of course, these complications combined with winter damage have not made the start of this golfing season easy.

In formulating a solution to cope with this situation we must remember that in addition to our technical expertise there is a definite need to make use of our communication network.

The first step is to insure that individuals in key positions at your club understand the current situation. The professional, the club manager, owners, and committee members can serve as your liaison to make the golfers aware of current conditions affecting the golf course. This first step will help slow the flood of inquiries and eliminate the uneasiness created by a lack of information. This information also helps prepare them for additional problems or to take notice of quick solutions.

Secondly, make sure your crew fully understands what is being done or why certain playing conditions exist. Golfers often attempt to extract information from your staff because they feel they are in direct contact with the problem. Ignorance here can be very damaging to your efforts.

Last but not least communicate with your fellow superintendents. Share your knowledge, discuss your problems, and support one another through the good and bad.

As we all know, our profession and the nature of the work we do creates stress. This stress can make our jobs more difficult and our homelife miserable. A good communications network will not eliminate stress but it will help to distribute the load. Our personal desires are often a heavy burden to bear. Do not get caught in the trap of trying to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders.

Just remember to always take the time to analyze, evaluate, and communicate. Once you learn this the second guessing is over.

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