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President's Message

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the weather since it has played a big role in all our lives this summer. The extreme heat and humidity has caused us problems comparable to 1983. In many respects, it has been the worst summer in ten years. But what has happened to us is now in the past. We must regroup our resources, learn from our past experiences, and continue to keep the best courses found anywhere. We have this fall to recover from the ravages of summer and prepare for an early winter. I think all of us are thankful the cool, fall weather is upon us.

The weather has seriously affected the Western Open at Butler National this year. The week before the tournament, Oscar Miles had recorded 11.5 inches of rain in three days. One-third of the course was submerged, yet, all plans for keeping the tournament at Butler were secured. We want to commend Oscar, his grounds crew, and the numerous volunteers from area clubs for a gallant effort in preparing the course. The Western Open and Superintendent Oscar Miles received local and national publicity through newspapers, radio, and television. This favorable publicity has reached virtually millions of people. It has increased the public's awareness of the superintendent's plight and our role in golf course management has been clearly exemplified. We have received more recognition and respect during the past three weeks than in recent years. So, from all the bad news this summer comes a little sunshine for all of us.

We have to apologize for the late mailing of the membership directory this year. We have had trouble getting it printed and computer problems which have delayed the mailing process. Hopefully, by the time you read this, you will have received the new directory. I would also like to remind everyone about the I.T.F. Golf Outing scheduled for Sept. 28. This is a big annual fund-raiser for I.T.F. and M.A.G.C.S. will be presenting a donation to I.T.F. for turfgrass research.

James E. Evans