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President's Message

I've just finished my stint as host of the MAGCS hospitality tent at the Western Open and figured I'd jot down some of my thoughts.

First, I worked what I consider the graveyard shift — that's Sunday morning. The only players on the course are the ones that are twenty-three strokes off the pace and when you watch them play one wonders how they got that close. This is also before most superintendents are able to leave their courses for the day.

Even taking these things into consideration I still felt we had a successful morning and a very successful week at Butler. For those of you who could not make it out, this year's tent was in a nice location between the second and seventh holes where there was a lot of traffic. It was also near Oscar's maintenance building, making it very convenient for storing all our beverages and props.

Bruce Williams did an excellent job setting things up and he had a nice video tape from GCSAA promoting the profession of golf course superintendents. While I was there several people, including a member of Butler, came by and viewed the entire tape.

As usual Oscar was very busy and I did not get a chance to talk to him very long, but he indicated he was glad the ten months he'd spent reestablishing the turf lost in last year's flood was over. My congratulations to Oscar and his crew for getting the course back in tournament condition in such a short period of time.

You'll notice I haven't mentioned anything about the great drought of 1988. I'm just hoping that between the time this is written and the time it is mailed that the drought will be only a bad memory.

Mike Nass

TOASTED TURF

*Though the brown grass crackles on the ground,
A live spark glows in its crown.
Wanting for a rainy day,
Even a thunder storm, to pass its way,
While the hot breath of summer,
In the dry winds that sere,
Seek a new destination, never to reappear.*

Kenneth R. Zanzig