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President's Message

It seems like just last week I was writing about the onslaught of winter and now, as you are reading this, Spring is just around the corner. As people return from vacation, thoughts turn towards getting psyched for a new golf season.

One thing our membership will probably notice as they attend the March or April meeting is a number of new faces at previously unheard of golf courses. Of course this is due to the boom in new course construction which is nationwide. Our employment committee makes every effort to contact these new courses in order to help them find a qualified superintendent. This is not always an easy task as a large portion of these new courses are being developed by huge housing speculators who have little interest in the golf course beyond it being a selling tool for their property. We will continue however, to make every effort to contact these developers to be able to list a job opening.

Active members will also notice a lot of familiar faces in new positions. This year has seen more job changes than any other year in recent memory. Traditionally the course superintendent's position has been the most stable of the three positions that make up the standard triumvirate of club management. I do not think that has changed but I for one think that a certain amount of change can be healthy for the organization as well as the individual. I wish all our relocated members the best of luck.

One of the things our education committee is looking into is the possibility of returning to the more traditional form of the Midwest Clinic. This would mean returning to a program that mainly utilized fellow superintendents as our speakers. It would also give us the opportunity to meet in a more relaxed setting without all the distractions inherent with a large expo.

This does not, in any way, mean that we are considering withdrawing our participation in the NCTE. On the contrary, we feel the NCTE provides us with a very important forum in which to promote ourselves and our organization. Our only thoughts are that we can be offering more in the way of educational opportunities for our membership.

Anyone who has any comments about this idea please feel free to contact me or our educational chairman, Joel Purpur. I look forward to seeing everyone on the golf course as soon as the weather breaks.