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President's Message

by Mike Nass, CGCS

To say this has been a strange and trying year would probably be an understatement. The year started out rather cold in March and April, then things started cooking in May, and by August everyone was screaming "Uncle"!. Then as fast as it started, the temperature dropped from the hundreds to the seventies, and by early October, there had been several heavy frosts. All in all, I guess I can look back on the year and breathe a sigh of relief.

As a Board this year, we have experienced some problems as do all boards; but I won't dwell on those. Brad Johnson can fill you in on that area. There were some accomplishments that I would like to take the time to mention.

First, we have returned our annual clinic back to its original format one that gives our own members an opportunity to present their thoughts and innovations to their peers in the relaxed setting of a country club. We have done this without dropping our commitment to the NCTE, which I feel is important.

We also formed a long-range planning committee that consists of members of the current Board and some past presidents of the organization. We hope this committee will be able to share its wisdom, learned from past experiences, with new boards and provide some sense of continuity to the organization. Also, the Board continues to run in a financially efficient manner as evidenced by the fact that there hasn't been a dues increase in 5 or 6 years.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the members of this year's Board who helped make my year as president a little bit easier. Being on the Board takes a lot of extra time, and it takes a lot of dedication to fulfill the obligation. Despite that, I have found my participation to be a rewarding experience and would like to encourage more members to take an interest in serving on the Board. I especially encourage this since I am next year's nominating committee chairman. Thank you, and good luck in the future.