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**President's Message**  
By Mike Nass, CGCS

As the 1988 season comes mercifully to an end, it is time to try to pull something positive out of what was obviously one of the worst seasons, weather wise, in many years.

The first thing that comes to mind is the excellent opportunity to sell your club on a new or an upgraded irrigation system. A tour of the course with the appropriate club officials should make it relatively easy to pinpoint weak areas in your present system. After that it is then up to you to put together a proposal that can't be refused.

Last year's rains followed by this year's drought could lead to the ground sinking around old or damaged tile lines. These then could be dug up and repairs made, possibly averting a problem in the future.

By now you all should have a real good idea how much stress your turf can take without drastic losses. This could help you in the future to manage your irrigation in a more efficient manner. At the same time you've probably seen a significant drop in your Poa population which may lead to further savings in irrigation usage.

These are just a few things that pop into my addled, burned out mind. I'm sure most of you are capable of coming up with your own list of positives. The important thing is that you always stress the positives. This is particularly important when talking with your green chairman or club members. Even when you may be some what discouraged don't let any one know it. If people sense discouragement they may begin to lose confidence in your ability and that can only lead to trouble.

On another note please remember that November 2 is the date for our annual Midwest Clinic, this year at Medinah. It was decided to go back to the more traditional form of clinic, held separately from the NCTE and utilizing our own members more as speakers. I hope this will be well attended as it will also be the date of our annual election.

One final positive note, I only have one more president's message to write so you don't have much longer to wait for the end of my monthly ramblings.