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**President's Message**

by Dave Meyer

January was probably the mildest we have had in a long time. February and March were quite gloomy; then April arrived with few showers that are needed to bring May flowers. The first two-thirds of the month only produced 1/2 inch of rain which may make April one of the driest in history. May has been no different than April.

I do not recall sprinkler systems running this early and reservoirs so low. We better start water conservation practices early if this is any indication of what the rest of the year will hold.

The Superintendent/Manager/Professional gathering that I mentioned in my last message was a tremendous success with 160 people in attendance. The three speakers and topics were excellent. Joe Black, President of Western Golf Properties, spoke on communication as the most important tool we have. He commented that with more leisure time, higher salaries of two income families, there are more dollars available for entertainment, consequently, the club industry has become more lucrative and more demanding. Mr. Black said golf has "exploded" all over the world. He concluded by stating that he is a very strong proponent of professional management, whether manager, pro, or superintendent. We all must communicate and manage the game.

Jim Latham, USGA, spoke on behalf of the Golf Superintendent. He stated that "golf has been the primary catalyst and the start of a strong agronomy program which has brought the Superintendent to the forefront." He too said, there has to be strong cooperation between the Superintendent, Professional, and Manager. Because of the tremendous demands and expectations of the Superintendent from the golf community, there is great necessity for continuing education and one-to-one meetings to keep the communication lines open.

Donald Wegryzn, "Acting Manager" and Golf Pro, began by saying "we all share a common ground", and need to communicate. In the past, no one professional wanted to give up his share of the "pie". Growth is the key word and we must measure ourselves. Consequently we must continue to expand through educational programs. He concluded by stating, there is a need to plan and share time and resources.

I am sure that all who attended benefited from the sharing that was done. Another such function is being planned for the fall.

The CDGA seminar at Butterfield was well attended as always.

I hope everyone filled out the survey forms for the goose round-up so action will be taken to allow us to round-up our own problems and deliver them to a central drop off!

I hope to see you May 15th at Eagle Ridge for the ITF joint meeting.