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T. R.'s Treasure Hunt

I had an idea about two weeks ago. Every once in a while I get a brainstorm. They usually fail, but this time I think that I beat the odds and came up with a real humdinger. Believe it or not: it works too!

At the Cantigny Golf Club we have a serious problem with litter. I know that all golf clubs face this same problem, but we also have a retired army colonel as our vice president of operations. If you have ever been on a military installation the one thing that you will not see is litter. Needless to say that our Colonel expects the same spotless look at our club which is a good program, but I would rather difficult to put in motion. My crew is by no means lazy, but the Colonel also has a peculiar problem with cigarette butts. He hates them. So aside from trash I had to get my crew to manually pick up butts.

Consequently I started my treasure hunt. I hung the following notice up by our timeclock:

Treasure Hunt

Our golf course is currently suffering from a disease of epidemic proportions. We are plagued by a sickness that every golf course in America suffers from daily. We are constantly being inundated by litter in monstrous proportions.

The disappointing thing about this problem is that nothing is being done about it and it is so easy to cure. Pleading, brow beating, and outright screaming has no effect on the litter; it still lays there and all that is needed to do is physically get off your butt and pick it up.

So I have decided to put a bounty on our trash. Papers, cans, small branches, cups and cup lids, and especially cigarette butts will be worth money — good old American green backs!

This is how the plan will work. I will personally mark 'some not all' of the above named trash. The value of the litter will be as follows:

- 15 minutes
- 30 minutes
- 45 minutes
- 1 hour
- 1 cup full of butts=1 hour

For example: If someone finds a paper with a 15 on it, he will receive 15 minutes credit towards one hour of time off with pay. You can bank your hours until you have earned one hour and go home an hour early with pay.

The beauty of this is that the employee will have to pick up the paper to look for a number value. Hopefully a prudent employee will not toss the litter back on the ground.

No cheating will be allowed! So don't save your cigarette butts! I will personally look through them to make sure that they are not all the same brand.

It's a sorry thing that such an easy problem has to be resolved in this manner but I feel that it is a feasible solution that in the long run will keep our course in the number one caliber that it belongs.

Happy Hunting, T.R.

After my crew read this notice the results were remarkable. In one day I got back twelve cups of butts! The following days a steady supply of litter and butts came flowing in. I knew at first that I would get creamed in giving free time out, but once the litter and butts got under control and their numbers reduced

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ed so did the cost of time off. Now about a cup or two a day comes under my scrutiny and everyone at the course is very pleased.

So if you want to clean up your course and can afford some free time off for your crew, you will find this to be an inspiring way to rid yourself of the plague that reeks us all — LITTER!

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