

(A Personal Friend continued)

his regular attire. My close and personal friend has resigned himself to the hat aspect, but continues to resist the sunscreen until "it gets a little hotter".

His wife, however, has warned that she will show up at work every day to make sure he's protected so I think he'll be lathering up sooner rather than later. His kids (all four of them) are also concerned and even bought him a hat to wear with #1 Dad emblazoned on the front. His eight year-old even went as far as to confide in her teacher at school and a classmate which promptly was misunderstood and word came back that my close and personal friend was on his last legs. The principal called his house to offer condolences and other parents stopped my friend's wife in the school parking lot to offer sympathy and prayers. My close and personal friend wishes that he just would have been smart enough to protect himself before any of this happened, not only for his own health, but to keep his family from worrying about him.

If there's a moral to this story, it would have to be that I, that is, my close and personal friend — have another chance to continue to live a relatively normal life and career if proper precautions are taken. **If you don't already, wear a hat and use sunscreen when necessary and resist the notion that you're immune from your own stupidity. I wasn't.**

Credit: "Verdue"

MAGCS, GCSAA, and Golf

Birdie: To GCSAA Director and MAGCS member Tommy D. Witt, CGCS for assuming the considerable mantle of responsibility for the organization of the yearly Superintendents Prayer Breakfast.

Birdie: To the MAGCS for organizing and arranging a very fine "Spanish Seminar" at Oakbrook Hills. And to Kerry Blatteau for hosting the seminar.

Birdie: To the CDGA for always striving to represent the very best for golf.

Birdie: To the MAGCS Education Committee for an outstanding educational offering at the March MAGCS meeting at Oakbrook Hills. You missed it — YOU LOSE!!

Birdie: To the golf courses of the Audubon Cooperative Bird Sanctuary Program.

Bogey: To Broadcaster Paul Harvey and his generally unfriendly attitude toward golf courses and the Superintendents who MANAGE them.

Bogey: To the seemingly prevailing attitude of General Managers that the Golf Course Superintendent is simply not of an equal caliber and must be summarily dominated. We know otherwise ...

Bogey: To divots, ballmarks, golf carts, geese, and well ... you get the picture.

Bogey: To club members and golf patrons wanting too much too soon too fast.

Bogey: To these threatening times; over regulated regulations and an under appreciative and intolerant golfing clientele.

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