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I had planned on avoiding any weather-related comments; but as I write this (the week of July 1), we are experiencing a rather unusual occurrence in weather conditions, for this time of year. Temperatures and humidity levels are actually mild! In fact, the low temperatures are forecast to be at or below 60° this week. The weather doesn't get much better than this for July 4, and it is likely that conditions will all too soon change. However, it sure is nice to be able to enjoy a few days of "normal" weather.

As you read this, August is upon us. It is typically a very busy and often challenging month. Heavy tournament and outing schedules, high disease pressures, budget planning, fatigued staff, and stressed turf prevail. Tempers can quickly and easily flare. Remember to stay cool and calm, and exercise patience. Look at the positives. Before long, the days will be shorter, the magic date of August 15 or 20 (the date when *Pythium* worries generally subside) will pass, GCSAA's Early Bird registration packet will be out (begin to plan for some well-deserved R&R), and the kids will soon be heading back to school (relieving the stress on their mothers!). Don't forget though, before the kids and family get

busy with school schedules and other activities, to bring them along with you to the MAGCS Family Picnic and Kane County Cougars game on August 23. It is always an enjoyable time for all!

For those who may have missed the June meeting (you missed a great day), I want to reiterate an item in my report; and that is that Phil Taylor, having accepted a new position in the industry, has relinquished his chairmanship of the Commercial Members Advisory Committee. Phil has been active on this committee for many years, and his involvement will be missed. We will still see him around, but his new management position will require his undivided attention. We all wish him well in his new endeavor. To carry on the

chairman role, John Meyer has accepted this position. John has been active on the same committee, as well as on the Editorial Committee and has assisted Ray Schmitz with photography. He is interested and energetic and has a number of great ideas to explore. We look forward to having his input!

Hope all is well with you and your course or business. I look forward to seeing you at the August 12 MAGCS meeting at Fox Run Golf Club!

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