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As I prepare this column, April has come to a close, though I'm not so sure winter has. Without question, the cold temperatures we have experienced this month have not been conducive to our efforts to repair winter's scathing. A little warmth and sunshine would surely do wonders for all that new seed we've planted. I hope that by the time this *On Course* is published, your courses will have fully recovered and that through this difficult time, your members or customers demonstrated patience, understanding, and support.

Our first golf event meeting for this year was at Klein Creek and, unfortunately, was one of those that every MAGCS president dreads. It was cold, windy, and rainy (aside from that, it was perfect); and the decision had to be made whether to cancel the golf event or play. Now as I viewed it, I was in a no-win situation. If we canceled, it was likely that a number of members would be upset, because they were there and ready to play. They might leave and not come back five hours later to attend the meeting and dinner. If we did play, it was likely that many other members would be upset (especially those

not in attendance, assuming we would cancel) and might elect not to play or only play a few holes, making it nearly impossible to determine the prize winners. You see, a no-win situation. Well, with 95 members present of the 120 or so who had pre-registered, after the host superintendent gave his approval of the course's playability, and after consultation with several other members of the Board of Directors, I made the decision to play. Given the circumstances, I think it was the right decision.

As the day turned out, several foursomes completed 18 holes, and many others completed varying numbers of holes. A unique scoring method was devised, as prizes were given to those who braved the elements for the longest number of holes. At the end of the day, over 70 members were present for the education, meeting (a quick one, which everyone likes), and dinner, all in a comfortable, relaxed facility.

We would have all preferred a different scenario for the day; but what we must remember (and the point of all this) is that before our meeting is conducted, many advance preparations are

made and costs incurred. Host clubs have committed their facilities and staff, they have ordered food and beverages which may have required some pre-preparation, perhaps extra carts have been secured, and many other behind-the-scene items have been addressed. We, therefore, must carry through with our obligation unless the facility informs us that they cannot carry through with theirs.

I hope this is the last near rain out event I will have to contend with, as my decision may have been unpopular to many members. Perhaps though, the above information brings to light the issues that are involved and that must be contemplated in making these types of decisions. I do hope so.

Looking forward to seeing you on a bright and sunny day at The Odyssey Club on June 11.

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