



“We will be closed for inventory” the small postcard spelled out the other day. As I took a moment (which is about all the free time we have these days), it dawned on me that I needed to take some time to take my own personal “inventory.” I thought about all of the facets of being a golf course superintendent and how the inventory was holding up.

Spending time with my family at this time of year has always been a tough shelf to keep stocked. I have to admit that the moments have been few and far between so far in 1997. Sure, I was able to take the clan to the zoo and to an occasional KCCG (Kane County Cougar Game), but a few days in a row would be more desirable. This will happen in October. We venture to Door County every Columbus Day weekend. Take a minute to see if you have given your family or friends some time this past few months. By the way, the Midwest will have an outing to the Cougars later this month on the 24th.

How about your crew at your course or place of business? Besides their actually taking inventory of the many items needed to operate efficiently, have you taken “inventory” and shown them your appreciation? How about a bash or picnic one day to relax and look back on all of their jobs well done. We try to turn in the many aluminum cans we collect throughout the summer and have a get-together for the crew. It really increases the inventory for the rest of the year! Up until now, it has been a wild year. Show your team you care.

We had a rare experience this last month concerning our monthly meeting at Orchard Valley. This meeting was not only the first Vendor Day, but it also filled up golferwise two weeks before the given deadline! Many people paid earlier than expected.

Have you taken inventory about paying your meeting fees as soon you get the announcement? Think about it in the future. When an announcement states that the event will take the first 128 PAID golfers. It means the first 128 PAID golfers!!! Why not pay for an entire foursome all at once? The MAGCS took inventory on how it allows members to pay for not only the monthly meetings but also for dues renewal. Starting this month, we will be accepting Visa and MasterCard as

a form of payment. If I could nominate a person for sainthood, it would be Luke Strojny. The Golf Committee is the hardest-working committee of them all. It will, hopefully, be easier in the future for all concerned.

Taking inventory can be easy enough to do. Clean up the many shelves of our profession. Take the time to step back and look at the whole picture. Here’s hoping that the rest of your year is full of sellouts!

As always, thanks to all!

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