

ON COURSE WITH THE PRESIDENT  
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# Team Work

*The power of team work is an amazing thing. As a golf course superintendent, each of us has a vision for our facility. We also understand that we can not achieve this vision on our own. We rely on our team to make this vision become a reality.*

The workers on the maintenance crew are the unsung heroes of the golf course. They work long hours and perform physically demanding tasks. They are expected to work through inclement weather. The nature of their work, combined with the use of machinery, means that the potential for personal injury is always present. They are required to arrive to work at sunrise. They routinely work 6-7 days a week. Often they are asked to return to work in the evening to water, to prep for an upcoming golf tournament, to fertilize, to topdress, or to make plant protectant applications. We expect them to work holidays. They receive few benefits, and little if any personal recognition from our patrons. In fact, if a greenkeeper is doing his job well then it means that he goes unnoticed by the golfers as he toils to complete his tasks.

We expect a lot from our crew. Without their dedication and teamwork our facilities would suffer and our vision would remain unfulfilled. Summertime can turn into a grind for the crew as heat and fatigue take their toll. This month make it a point to plan a special activity for your crew to show your appreciation for all their hard work. Something as simple as telling each employee thank you as you hand out pay checks can go a long way toward making them feel good about themselves and renewing their motivation.

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