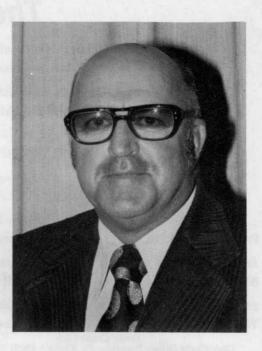
President's Message



Congratulations to our golf team, Dan Meyers, Robby Robbins, Fred Klauk, and Kevin Downing, for winning the G.C.S.A.A. tournament recently held in California. Dan must also be recognized for his individual win. Even more rewarding to me were the many complimentary remarks I received concerning not only the win, but the overall appearance and conduct of the quality young men who represented us so well. It is indeed a pleasure to proudly say I'm a golf course superintendent from Florida.

Our blue blazers and crests were so well received — almost to a point of envy among some groups. Certainly they created an atmosphere of recognition and validation. Which leads me into "Dress Code", the simple rule of appearance which, when not adhered to, tends to regulate individuals into a category unfitting of their worth. A judge or minister without the cloth of their profession certainly would detract from their mission. The President of the United States in a sport shirt and wind breaker at a U.N. Conference certainly would diminish his authority. Inappropriate comparisons maybe so. But, like it or not, appearance is a judgement factor contributing to one's stature. Coats and ties will not make a professional but they help to identify those that are.

Bill Wigner