

Editorial

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"You Only Get What You Pay For"

There is an old saying that nothing in life is free. I don't know where it originated from but I do know that it applies right now to the current status of The FGCSA. GIVEME - GIVEME - GIVEME - BUT DON'T ASK ME FOR ANYTHING. LET THE NEXT GENERATION PAY. Does that sound familiar?

After reading Tom Burrow's Presidents Message in the Winter 1985 issue of The Florida Green I am struck with this reality: How can we get so much and accomplish so many things on dues of \$10.00 a year? It is incredible what The FGCSA has started and completed over the past few years.

We have now reached the point where we are asking our elected officers to perform the impossible. The work load is too great for volunteers. Do we continue to move forward or do we reduce this organization to a state of apathy and stagnation. There is no way to continue on our current course.

The yearly dues for the PGA are \$295.00. The dues for the CMA are \$300.00. The dues for Golf Course Superintendents are \$181.00. (The above dues include local, state and national). I would like to see our Board of Directors increase our state dues by \$90.00 to \$100.00. That's 27¢ a day. Less than the cost of a soft drink.

Many good things have been accomplished FOR THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT over the past five years. We are at a critical crossroads. Which way do we turn? Progress and continue to upgrade the image of The Golf Course Superintendent or stagnation back to "the foreman, grass cutter image". The decision for the future of our association is yours. Do you really care? Talk to your External Vice President. Better yet, first go back and read Tom's Message again. It said it all.