

# Editorial

Professional. To engage in a profession. We, as golf course managers have come a long way during the 1980's. Budgets of \$500,000. + and salaries of \$60,000. + are very common. Florida Golf Courses have never been in better condition and communication between most golf course managers is excellent. The quality and depth of continuing education in Florida is the finest in the nation and the Florida GCSA is being looked at as the prototype by all the other states.

Sounds great doesn't it. All Florida Golf Course Managers can be proud of where we came from and where we are going. But — we cannot afford to rest on past accomplishments. We do have two serious problems in our state.

One is the alarming trend of golf course managers being hired by a club before the resident golf course manager is terminated. The other is golf course managers sending their resumes to clubs seeking the position of golf course manager. This is very disturbing and must be dealt with in a positive manner.

I believe ignorance of the services available from the Florida G.C.S.A. is what causes greens chairmen and/or owners to seek out new golf course managers before discussing dissatisfaction with their present manager. The Florida G.C.S.A. has available consulting services and job placement services for all golf courses in the state of Florida. We will do everything in our power to help you and your golf course stay in top condition. In return it will help us to remain the number one association in the U.S.

The practice of golf course managers sending their resumes to golf clubs seeking employment is inexcusable. Any manager using these tactics should be reported to our board of directors for appropriate action. We have available to our members, a job referral service through our local chapters and state office.

We need to heed our presidents message. We have come a long way in the 70's and 80's. We now need to prepare ourselves for the 90's. As greens chairmen, owners and golf course managers we can only accomplish this by cooperating and working together to keep Florida the golfing capital of the world. ■