



## *President's Message*

One of the qualities I admire most in my fellow golf course superintendents is patience. Here are some of the special situations we sometimes experience that require our patience:

- Waiting for daylight savings time to change.
- Waiting for pre-emergent herbicides to work.
- Hearing newscasters say the weather is great when it hasn't rained for months.
- Educating owners, golf professionals, and greens committee members about turf management.
- Waiting for parts.
- Talking to light bulb and de-greaser salesmen over the telephone.
- Dealing with tardy, lazy, careless, stubborn, rude and sometimes perfect employees.
- Waiting to buy new equipment.
- Repairing irrigation nightmares.
- Dealing with traffic, shade, and drainage problems.
- Catching vandals.
- Seeing weeds on the course that you know you will see again.
- Overseeding greens and dealing with spring transition.
- Controlling resistant pests.
- Answering homeowner complaints.
- Establishing priorities according to available manpower.
- Watching trees grow.
- Killing mole crickets.
- Waiting for fertilizer to work (and burns to disappear).
- Waiting for research to catch up with our problems.
- Maintaining the best possible golf course on a limited budget.

Patience is indeed a virtue for a golf course superintendent. In addition to the "people problems" we all must deal with, we care for a living, breathing golf course that requires our constant attention.

Keep up the good work everyone, and try to be patient.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecil C. Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cecil C. Johnston