

# Cleaning out my desk

## Green Side Up



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The time has come to slip the surly bonds of editorship and seek solace and redemption in my “day job.” You know, the one they call being a golf course superintendent.

What a passage these past four years have been! Bentgrass greens, FGCSA Presidency, double bypass surgery, return to Disney, and oh yeah, through it all, editor of *The Florida Green*. But the times they are a-changing. New job, new golf course, new challenges. It is time for a new editor.

So, I’m giving up the top spot on the masthead. Oh, I’m not jumping ship. I’m just going to slip down below and help out in the galley for awhile. We need someone else to plot the course and steer the ship. Someone who’s been round the horn. Someone who’s seen rough weather. Trying to manage a four-color magazine can be a significant burden for a solo sailor, so the FGCSA Publications Committee is trying to muster a conscientious crew to help the new skipper sail the ship.

Just a few words of thanks to those who made it all worthwhile.

It was really great visiting with the superintendents at the courses I scouted for the cover stories. Thanks for your hospitality and your participation. My sincere

thanks to those precious few superintendents who responded to the *Hands On* program and shared their knowledge in *The Florida Green*.

Also, I appreciate those who took the time to convey their pro and con comments about the magazine directly to me so I could try to stay on track. Especially gratifying were those instances when someone called or wrote seeking permission to reprint something we produced that they found worthy of sharing with their readers or club members.

It has been a privilege to have served as editor. I am looking forward to contributing to the magazine in the future, but in a limited role.

We turned the production of the magazine over to Janlark Communications in 1989 as Dan and Irene Jones opted for a well-deserved retirement from the fray. With Janlark rigging the sails and me hanging on to the helm for dear life through some stormy times, the Florida Green has managed to survive and even be recognized a few times in the GCSAA Publications Contest. Thanks, Larry. Thanks, Philip.

Until we meet again, remember, keep the GREEN SIDE UP!