

our members and their chapters (an example would be registering a complaint on the ban of DBCP in Florida). The number-two objective is to gain support and membership for the GCSAA. This is our national organization that needs our backing and input. The benefits will be many and the recognition that comes from unification of our efforts will be readily available to us.

But, there are many other benefits. Just recently, one of our fellow golf course superintendents Dan Meyers (CGCS) of the West Coast chapter had his story concerning golf course employees featured in the National Magazine, Golf Course Management. The article was pertinent to our

problems, beneficial and educational.

The golf course superintendents in the state of Florida have been thrust into an enviable position. Because of geographical location, climate, tourist attractions, and expansion, Florida has the fastest-growing golf industry in the country. We should take advantage of these opportunities and assume a leadership role in the nation's turf industry.

Possibly, even with all our collaboration and hard work, government agencies will continue to tie our hands and people will still refer to us as "Greenskeepers." It's unfortunate that the work of qualified professionals can be affected or altered by the misuse of others less qualified

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and thousands of miles away. Let's join together and try the positive approach. Support your local chapter, the state association and the GCSAA. Hopefully, we can continue to endeavor in the field we love for ourselves and the game of golf.

NOTE: That was the Tim Hiers President's Message

in the first Florida Green 30 years ago. The more things change, the more they stay the same. The future of our profession and industry is in our own hands. We can found associations and magazines, but it takes people to make them prosper and be effective. It's up to each and every one of you to play a part in our success.

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