'Family' thanks

Pat Jones' recent article, "All in the Family," (April, Parting Shots, page 90) has struck a chord with me. Working for a small, regional independent distributor of soft goods - his article was greatly appreciated. I'll keep this article for the occasional pick-me-up when things look dire. Keep fighting for value and the good guys in this business!

Chris Hoff Sales representative Precision Turf & Chemical Inc. Greenfield, Minn.

I had to tell you how much I loved Pat Jones' column in the April issue regarding local/ regional distributors ("All in the Family," page 90). Even though I'm now in Rhode Island, it made me realize how important Grass Roots Inc. in New Jersey has been to me personally and professionally over the years. There's no question these businesses provide a service that national companies just can't match. Hey, it's the main reason the GCSAA's attempt to broker products through the Big Guys would never work. I think they know that now.

Thanks for recognizing just how vitally important these local companies really are. You opened my eyes to something that's been right in front of me all these years.

Ed Walsh, CGCS Golf course superintendent Shelter Harbor Golf Club Charlestown, R.I.

A dose of humor

I like Pat Jones' column in GCI. I've always liked his insight into the turf industry. Some in our business must stop taking everything so seriously. Our image is important, but we certainly aren't oppressed coal workers that "the man" is holding back. We're all fortunate to be in this business; it seems to me some should enjoy it more. Screw anyone who can't laugh at themselves or see the humor in the written word.

Thad Thompson Superintendent Terry Hills Golf Course Batavia, N.Y.

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@turfdiseases:

Nice article by @gcimagazine on Dr. Bruce Clarke, Rutgers Turfgrass

(In reference to "The fungus among us." May issue, page 24)

@mfounds:

@gcimagazine I'm liking the spine to your May issue. Made me think of my Synchronicity LP, circa 1983.

@AtlanticGolf:

Superintendents... is social media right for your career? Thanks to @gcimagazine for a great article.

(In reference to "Is social media right for your career," May issue, page 32)

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