

## Fitting tribute

Pat, I just finished reading your tribute to Mike Pock ("Bon Voyage," September 2010, page 58). It was something special and appropriate for a "special" man.

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*Editor's Note: Mike Pock passed away in early November surrounded by family, friends and memories of a great life in golf.*

## Full disclosure

*Editor's Note: The response to Pat Jones' August column ("Catharsis") continues to pour in. We'd like to share some more of them with you. We've decided not to identify the letter writers since many included personal comments. Readers seeking info about alcoholism and addiction can find out more at the Alcoholics Anonymous site: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).*

"I just finished reading your column in the August issue after digging it out from under the pile of trade mags I've been carefully stacking on my desk since June. I don't mind saying there was a tear in my eye as I finished reading your piece. Kudos for having the guts to put that in print for all to see! I agree that our industry has

more than its fair share of 'alcoholics' who come to depend on a buzz to get them through the twists and turns of this highly stressful career path. Just as we would share with each other what growth regulators work best on what turf at what time of year, so should we allow ourselves the vulnerability to lay out more personal issues and to seek help, love and support from our trusted peers. After all, who else can come closer to knowing and understanding within the length of a gnat's eyelash what all we struggle with professionally than our very own peer set? I applaud your honesty and courage to bare all of this to your readers and sincerely hope that it will serve as a wake-up call to those who are only fooling themselves with even the slightest addiction to alco-

hol, or any other drug. As you so eloquently put it - 'Life's too short and too beautiful to be viewed through the bottom of a bottle.'"

"I was catching up on some trade pub reading, and as I often do, I went directly to my favorite publication and my favorite publication feature; Pat Jones' GCI column. Wow! Your August column caught me off guard with your personal disclosure and confession. Hats off to you for sharing your story and reaching out to others! As a frequent bar fly, I agree with your assessment that the booze flows pretty freely in our industry and you are not alone in facing the challenges it brings. It warmed my heart to hear of the peace, healing and satisfaction being clean has brought to you!"

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