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## More feedback to "Catharsis"

**Editor's Note:** *The following responses to Pat Jones' column on his experiences as an alcoholic ("Catharsis" August 2010, page 4) have been excerpted and anonymous because they often included personal comments.*

"I just read ("Catharsis") and wanted to say how much I admire your courage to openly discuss your issue. I hope and pray your article helps others get on the road to recovery."

"I just want to congratulate you on a brilliantly written piece, and in a larger sense, for realizing you had a problem and dealing with it. Many people never take that brave move and just continue to disintegrate in mind, body and spirit. As

Jerry Lee Lewis once said, and I'm paraphrasing, "The devil keeps running through my door and I have to keep grabbing him by the scruff of the neck and running his ass back out."

"Thanks for sharing your story. My wife is now in the same place as you were. I pray for the same end of story with her."

"I just finished reading your alcoholic diatribe in the August issue after digging it out from under the pile of trade mags I've been carefully stacking on the corner of my desk. I don't mind saying that there was a tear in my eye as I finished reading your piece of catharsis. Kudos to you for having the guts to put that in print for all to see. I would agree that our industry has more than it's 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 what growth regulators work best on what turf at what time of year with each other, so also 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 gnats eyelash what all we struggle with professionally than our very own peer-set? And who better to help make sense of the madness that is balancing life and work as a golf course superintendent?"

"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 alcohol, or any

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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 wanted to drop you a note to congratulate you on your new found life style. I have a sister who has gone through a similar situation and has been in AA – and sober – for 13 years. Best of luck in taking it 'one day at a time.' I've been using that mantra a lot this summer."

"I just read your heart-emptying story from the land of light and sobriety. Bravo my friend... bravo. The best and most touching thing you have written to date."

"Thanks for 'wasting' several perfectly good trade-journal pages to tell us your story. Very good. Hope you reach your full potential."



## Clarification

Stan Burton had no involvement in the origination of Wolf Run Golf Club ("He bleeds red, tartan & blue," August 2010, page 14). All credit for the great vision that evolved into Wolf Run came from Dr. Jack Leer.

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**Editor's Note:** We followed up with Steven and you're correct. Jack Leer was the founder and visionary of Wolf Run. Stan was one of the first pros and later put together an investor group and they took over the club.

## CFO feedback

I really enjoyed the article about Gary Grigg ("CFO" July 2010, page 54). I have known Gary for many years, but I learned more in your article than I ever knew about him. He is a good and humble man who has been a great influence for the golf industry. Many thanks to Gary for his contributions.



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