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Pro's view

I wanted to take a minute to tell you how much I enjoy Pat Jones' Parting Shots column in *Golf Course Industry*. I really look forward to it.

In many cases, when Pat writes about the trials and tribulations of golf course superintendents or their assistants, he could replace those terms with the head golf professional or his assistants. The "Stuck in the Middle" column (May 2011) was spot-on whether you're managing turf or, in my case, managing play. Our industry has certainly changed in recent years due to economic uncertainty and the lack of personal leisure time. If this continues, I fear the future for all the young men and women who choose golf as a career. The national trends from the past two years are not promising. Hopefully, with the launch of the PGA of America's Golf 2.0 this January we will see an industry-wide spark that will create momentum that can generate a turnaround. I believe a cooperative effort from the PGA, GCSAA and CMAA, as well as those that supply our industry, can make a difference in the game in which we all have passion.

Again, I wanted to thank you for your articles.

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To read "Stuck in the Middle," enter <http://tinyurl.com/77hdtfg> into your Web browser.

Water, water...

I was sitting in a superintendent's office waiting for him when I saw Pat Jones' column entitled "Our Achilles' Heel" (July 2011). As I read it, it seemed I was listening to myself. It is unfortunate that so many do not see that this is going to happen. The more I learn about the state of water, the more real the inevitable becomes. Nonetheless, I wanted to say thanks. So many folks need to hear this. I enjoyed knowing your thoughts.

Robin Wicker
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