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## One short

We'd like to say that we planted this as an Easter egg to see if everyone was paying attention. In reality, it was just an oversight on our part, but you guys are definitely paying attention. Many of you emailed to let us know that in John "Johnny Turf Nerd" Kaminski's January column - "Top 10 excuses (and my answers) for not continuing your education" - he forgot to include a No. 8. So here it is:



Kaminski

### 8. I forgot to register

This is more of an afterthought since I somehow forgot to include No. 8 in the original publication. It just goes to show you that sometimes you need to slow down, take a breath and regroup. If you forgot to register for an educational conference then it's probably a sign that you're putting too much on yourself and could probably use this as an opportunity to get away from the day to day!

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## What it's really like

I wanted to let you know that Pat's "Running scared" column (Parting Shots, December 2012) was right on and well written and most importantly good advice to all.

Good job. Also downloaded the mobile app and I am looking forward to using it regularly.

**Don Rossi**  
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Reading Pat Jones' work has been a regular and enjoyable activity. Pat is one of the few people writing about the turf industry that really understands how tough it is out there.



His article "Running scared" (Parting Shots, December 2012) is another example of this insight, and I thank him for being forthwith about how golf maintenance is these days.

It is rather disheartening to see members of the industry press on a regular basis still trying to pass along the idea that things aren't as dire as they really are, or hearing an industry organization heralding a small upswing in rounds as the beginning of the end of terrible times.

Things are not good out here, and I only fear they will get worse.

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