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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have laid dormant.

Poem by: Horace

Every spring season seems to be somewhat of a letdown, and one is very easily discouraged as a golf superintendent. This year is no exception. We plan what we are going to do for the coming season during the winter and have high hopes of running a smooth operation and providing quality playing conditions for the golfer. Then comes spring and we are raring to get to it and we find that the golf course will not respond like we would like it to--because the soil is only 45 degrees F., weeds are growing profusely, and herbicides cannot be applied because the wind is blowing everyday and the moisture content of the soil too low. Localized dry areas and wilt is occurring on putting surfaces, the irrigation has a leak to repair, and the pumping system is not in total operation. Then a golfer approaches you and asks some brilliant question, like--how come all the cups are not placed on the putting clock.

Before you know it--soon the initial flush of spring growth will be mowed down and it will be time for our good

sound maintenance practices. Crews will fill up, and all the plans and thoughts of the winter will begin to take shape and form on the course. Soon water systems will tighten up, weeds will be wiped out, and maybe it will rain when it's supposed to. Summer is coming, let's hope it's a good one and that everything falls into it's proper perspective.

Wayne Otto, CGCS

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FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE:

Windswept Oconomowoc C.C. was the site of our first golf meeting. Our thanks go to Roy Henderson of R & S parts for his hospitality, Dr. Watson of the Toro Company for his interesting after-dinner comments on Cuba and Harvey Miller on the excellent condition of his golf course.

Event winners for the day were Jim Belfield, Davey Toak, Ron Shara and Ted Egelhoff. The bogey winners were Bob Boltz, Chuck Shaw and Bob Gosewehr.

Our meeting in May will be at the Hartford Country Club, on the 23rd. We are planning a two man best ball event. You will notice on the return card a place to put your partners name, and then make a foursome. Please do so and return the card to me by May 19. Scoring for the event will be on the Peoria System.

Hartford is planning a great day for us, golf, hors

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