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d'oeuvres and a steak dinner. As mentioned, return cards by the 19th of May, so please fill them in and set up a foursome and return them to me. See you at Hartford on the 23rd.

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A BETTER GCSA FOR WISCONSIN

By Jim Belfield
Supt. Tripoli C.C.

What are we, as Golf Course Superintendents looking for? Is it status? Is it more understanding and awareness of our problems? Is it increased professionalism? I really think it's all of these. How are we as an association trying to help the Superintendent achieve these goals.

At our first regular meeting of this year, Ted Woehrle, the President of GCSAA mentioned that of the three key management positions at the Golf Club, the Superintendent, on the average, has more education than either the Golf Professional or the Club Manager. So I ask you: Why is the Superintendent usually on the bottom of the totem

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pole when it comes to reaping the financial harvest at the club? I'll tell you why. It's because we, the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, are not strong enough or active enough to make our presence known in Wisconsin.

When I started to write this article, I wasn't going to mention the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Those of you who are members know they, or I should say we, have a lot of improving to do. But I think we can say there's a definite effort being made to increase our professional image as well as our professional abilities.

How do you strengthen your position at your club? Assuming that you do a good, professional job on the course, you have to look for something else. Certainly with the Board of Governors, your chairman, your boss, the Golf



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Pro, the Club Manager, members, golfers and your employees, you are certainly going to strengthen your position. If this doesn't help, you need a strong organization more than ever.

If we are going to make a strong organization, we will have to demand more of each and every individual, for we can only be as strong as our members make us. You, as fellow members should demand participation by the guy next door who never attends a meeting. Repetitious excuses should not be tolerated. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. I don't think we should run the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association for the "weak links". It should be run rather for the strong ones.

I for one, am not satisfied with the Status Quo; and I appeal to everyone who feels as I do to stand up and be heard. Let's initiate some higher standards for ourselves and our association. It's the only way we, as a group, can achieve the degree of professionalism we are after.

I think that I
Shall never see
A thing as lovely
As a tree.

Ecological Blight

Except when this
Same lovely tree
Is in between
The hole and me.

—Pam Stephens