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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