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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The two things in my life that I have despised most are, going to the dentist and writing articles. This is changing. Now my dentist and I are good friends and his hygenist is not exactly the girl next door, if you know what I mean. Even the writing I once avoided like the plague is now something I do willingly. What changed? Nothing. I just stopped letting the dentist and writing keep me from getting what I want done. To have good teeth I need to go to the dentist. To share my thoughts with people, I need to write, talk, whatever. Sharing ourselves is something we all must do, but we sometimes allow people and things to stop us.

The important area that all Superintendents deal with is the golf course, you know, where the game of golf gets PLAYED. This is where I feel we need to share ourselves more. Too many times changes are made to a course so that the course will conform to a minority of members. Too many times the course is changed to make the game easier. I say to you, we as Superintendents should take an active part in the way the course is maintained and any changes proposed. We and the Golf Professional must jointly position ourselves as the basis, so that the integrity of the game, and the needs of the membership are met. In fact, we must commit ourselves to the game as much as we do to the beauty of the course. This may mean saying what you feel is best for the game, not what is popular at the time. For me, it's always easier to agree with what people are saying than to stand up for the game's integrity and what's best for all the membership not just a few.

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