



Brotherhood

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I have to start this by telling you that putting this message together has been a challenge for me. I feel I cannot begin without mentioning the loss of two very special people in our business. Most of you already know of the unfortunate deaths of David Murgatroyd and Jim Belfield. These two men were good people

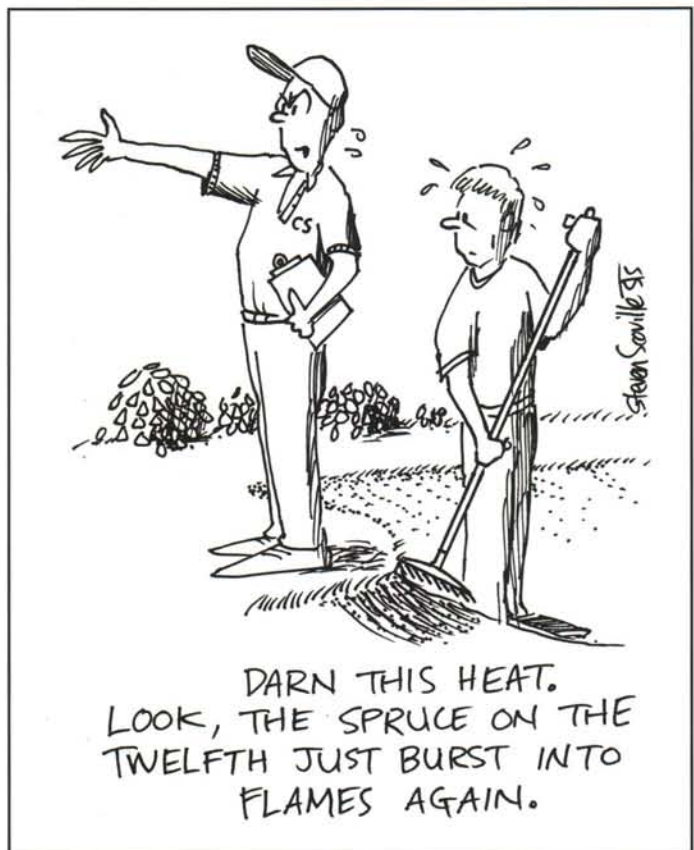
and outstanding turfgrass managers who were respected superintendents at their same courses for over 25 years. These two left behind many friends and many great memories which were shared with many of our association's members. God bless their families. Both men will be greatly missed.

I hope all of you had a chance to get out and attend the WTA Field Day at the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility in Madison last month. If you didn't make it, you missed one of the premiere events of 1999. It was well put together and presented to attendees. We cannot help but feel very fortunate for all of the research work that is going on at the Facility. Dr. Wayne Kussow, Dr. John Stier, Jeff Gregos, Tom Schwab, Dr. Mike Cassler and Dr. Chris Williamson and all their staff people deserve thanks for all their efforts in putting this quality day together for us to enjoy and to learn. As you walk around the grounds of the Noer Research Facility, you cannot

help but notice how large the research area actually is. This has grown dramatically in just the past four or five years. There had to be some very proud turfgrass managers walking the property that day who were the founding fathers of the project, thinking the whole facility was just a dream some ten to fifteen years ago. The efforts of the people who put this whole complex together for all of us to benefit from for many years to come should **never** be forgotten.

Autumn is upon us once again. It is my favorite time of year. To me, there is nothing more enjoyable than to tour the course you manage on a beautiful autumn morning. I truly enjoy the cooler weather, lower humidity levels and watching the Green Bay Packers every weekend. I say to myself that the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter every day. We will soon have completed another golf season and begin preparing for next spring.

I hope to see you at North Shore Golf Club in Menasha on October 12th. ♣



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