



Another One Down...

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Another golfing season has passed and, to say the least, it has been one that some won't easily forget. Here in Dodge County I have to admit it was not the worst

season I have experienced. Last season will be pretty hard to beat and the summer of '95, my first year here, was a keeper. It rained when needed and more importantly, not too much.

The disease pressure was very high this summer. I never had dollar spot like this season and fairy ring – I wasn't aware how ugly it could get. But all in all it wasn't my worst.

Looking at a lot of postings on the Noer net made me feel very fortunate. I don't consider myself a veteran in this profession, but

have been around a while and there has always been one constant. You never know how a year will go and it for sure won't be anything like the last. We just have to deal with the unknown and hope we do some things right. Also, Mother Nature plays a big part on how good or bad a season may go, and we sometimes feel hopeless at what she may or may not deliver.

Now we will have to start and deal with the EPA. I know we have been in the past, but now with some of the new regulations going into effect it doesn't look like fun at all. Most likely PCNB no longer is going to be available to us. What will be next? We can and must be heard. Many of us in the green industry have voiced our opinions and some have been heard. But to me it looks like we are just begin-

ning to see what can happen when people are not informed.

I am not a political guy by any stretch. Unfortunately, all I hear when a politician speaks is confusion. I truly feel that is all they are after. I am trying to become more informed this year. Like I said, I am no political guy but one race has me very nervous—State Attorney General. If a certain someone wins I don't see it benefiting the green industry at all. I am not going to mention whom, so please pay attention. You only need to for a very short time to figure out whom I am scared of. Really, that is about as political as I will get. I know by the time this goes to print these elections will be over, but there will be more. So get out and vote and be heard. Take care. ♻️

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