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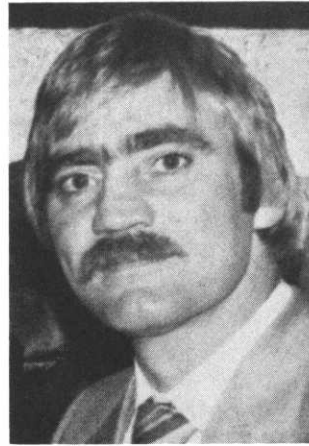
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GETTING INTO THE
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LONGER SUCH A THING
AS A CHEAP SKATE.



Dick DeSplinter

**FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
DESK**

The time has arrived as it does each year. As soon as the snow melts from their back yards, the golfers are ready to "have at it" for another season. The golfer is understanding but impatient. We would like and need time to prepare the course for play. We remember what it looked like last summer and are disappointed in the appearance of the grounds. Mother Nature has left many scars on our once beautiful turf. We second guess whether or not the turf will ever look that beautiful.

I have missed many springs, or so it seems anyway, because of becoming completely involved in and impatient for the turf to become lush once again.

This is the year to slow down, relax and enjoy spring. We can't make plants begin to grow until they are ready. It's rather like an engine. We can overhaul and tune it up, but until we put gas in the tank it will not start. In an attempt to push Mother Nature it would be like starting the engine without first putting oil in the crankcase.

So relax, fellows, the course will be green and beautiful soon. And if you look ahead, you can imagine yourself complaining about not having enough time, manpower or equipment to keep the damn stuff cut anyway.

We often place more pressure on ourselves than anyone else could program. So take it easy, be patient and get your clubs dusted off for our first golf outing on April 14 at Greenhaven.