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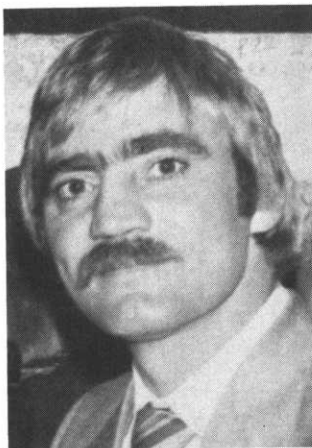
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Over the course of the golf season the superintendent is faced with many problems. One problem I'm experiencing this spring is severe compaction. More severe than most fall compaction problems. There are many contributing factors. Lack of moisture, low humidity, heat and heavy spring play are a few examples. To alleviate the problem, aerification seems inevitable. Most seasons the superintendent can get by quite nicely by slicing the green weekly. Not true this season; at least not at my course. "Caution", over watering or saturating the greens will only add to the compaction problem.

Also very important is to eliminate the compaction without interrupting play. I believe the only answer is to aerify with small tynes, remove plugs and recut the green as quickly as possible. With some of the equipment available today, this can be accomplished in 20 min. per green with two men and two machines.

The entire membership thanks host superintendent, Dick Toupal and host professional, Ray Vennewitz for the splendid day of golf last month. North Oaks was in terrific shape and we all enjoyed every stroke. Some took so many strokes, they ended up over-joyed!

Congratulations to Mike Klatter of Elm Creek. His April article, "Automatic Irrigation for Disease Control", will be reprinted in the Carolinas' GCSA monthly newsletter. They recognize some great information when they read it.

I hope to see all of you at the Daytona Golf Club in June.