

Being a golf course superintendent demands many qualities and abilities far beyond what the lay person may imagine. Abilities revolve around physical things; plumbing, wiring, construction and other assorted functions.

Qualities are better described as an attitude directed toward your abilities. Examples of qualities could be patience, understanding, humor and persistence. The two qualities that I have tried to develop at my present position are persistence and patience. What has taken some time to understand is that employees do and will make mistakes, but time spent explaining and correcting the mistake is more valuable than reprimanding and fuming.

We all want our dreams and wishes satisfied immediately, but our employers aren't always so obliging. My persistence in promoting automating the irrigation system on the Pine to Palm Course lasted from 1982 to May 13, 1988. That last date was when I turned the last wire nut and turned on the power.

I never let the subject drop and tested my patience one step at a time until it was done. Now I've become persistent about water in the rough, who knows, maybe by 1992 I'll get that done too. So who cares? Evidently not too many. I've only had two responses to a questionnaire I sent out a month ago.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New members to the GCSAA:

Alex R. Ellram,
Mike A. Hoffman,
Peter B. Mount.
Scott W. Pruszinske
David J. Zimmer,

New members to the MGCSA:

Chuck Egeberg, Class B, Clifton Hollow GC
Don Egeberg, Class BII, Clifton Hollow GC
Kevin Schmidt, Class C, Slayton GC
Todd Daniels, Class F, Prolawn, Inc.
Tony Kippels, Class F, Schumachers, Inc.

Class Change:

Jeff Backstrom, Class C to Class BII
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Tom Fuller, Class B to Class A
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