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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Are You Ready To Become More Active In Our Great Association?



Many of you may remember when last month's column stated that "we wait for the next curve ball from Mother Nature." It came across home plate in the form of 90+ degree days with dew points in the mid-70s. I hope we all have our plant protectorants in place. Judicious use of water resources may also help us get through this latest curve ball. Looking after your staff's well-being is also encouraged. Perhaps starting work earlier so they can complete their tasks before the hottest part of the day arrives while making sure plenty of water is available. Taking short breaks also helps to ensure they stay healthy and available for the next day. When outside conditions become unbearable, it might be reasonable to send the staff home. They probably aren't getting much accomplished and it helps to keep the morale high during a time when it tends to deteriorate.

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Fred Taylor is working on a slate of candidates for the annual election of officers and directors. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in becoming more active in this great association, please contact Fred. It is a great way to meet more of your colleagues as well as giving something back to our profession. If anyone has questions regarding the amount of time involved, please call me or any current board member. The commitment is not as involved as it once was, now that our Executive Director shoulders many of the duties.

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There was an unsigned letter published in last month's *Hole Notes*. You can be assured a mistake of this nature will not happen again. We will not publish letters just because someone needs to vent, particularly if the author is not identified. I will be happy to assist any member who is having difficulty contacting a vendor. If anyone needs more details on why this slipped through, feel free to contact me.

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Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the August meeting in Mankato. Hazeltine is hosting the 2002 PGA Championship, so I will be attending this year's event at Sahalee Country Club in the Seattle, Washington area. My goal was to attend each monthly meeting; however, you will be in the capable hands of our Vice President Tom Fischer, CGCS.

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Labor Day will soon be here and the fall aerification programs will be under way.

— Jim Nicol, CGCS
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