

## EDITOR'S CORNER

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### Membership Dues

By now, all of us should have paid our membership dues for the year. They are due in June. At this past month's Board Meeting, the "list" was there. I hope everyone that has been a member in the past wants to continue to be a member. I can't stress enough, get your dues paid or you will be dropped as a member of this great association. If

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your club pays your dues, check with your accountant to make sure they have been paid. You were notified a while

back if you were delinquent in your membership. If you pay for it yourself, then get it in. I know it's a busy time for us all, but we hate to lose good people. Maybe I'm writing this a little late as well, but sometimes things just slip our minds.

### How Much?

How much did that snap ring cost? You're kidding me, right? (This is not intended to rip on anyone.) But sometimes after we order a part and get the invoice, you look at it and wonder, how can a little snap ring cost 50 bucks? What's it made of, gold? Or a pressure plug that blew out where it shouldn't have for 120 bucks. I paid for someone's screw up. It must have been made on either a Friday or a Monday. Why do most of us buy after market parts? Why do we cross over parts to get them at local suppliers? Hmmmm, maybe some of the manufacturers should take a closer look at what they actually charge us for some of the parts we order. Call it a captive market. Sure, we all do it to save a few bucks on our budgets or the convenience of driving a couple blocks away instead of making a phone call and waiting a day or two. Whichever your reason, I just have a hard time swallowing paying 12 dollars for a filter that I can buy at the parts store for 5 bucks. Is theirs better? I don't think so, they just have a different part number. Last week I joked with one of my suppliers, are you gonna drive all the way up here and install it for me at that price and buy me dinner? Kind of makes you wonder a little.

### Almost Over?

For most of us this time of year we lose most, if not all, of our summertime help as they head back to either college or high school. For one reason or another, they have all left their mark on your course. Either they were just so so employees, or they did something to make you mad at one time or another, or they made you laugh like hell. Whichever it might be, make sure you remember them and hope like hell the good ones come back next year. And of course, after they leave, it becomes another busy time of year for us. Aerification of greens, tees and fairways. To be honest with you, I hate it! I love saying we aerified everything in past tense. But the process is what truly sucks! Kind of like Murphy's law. Let's say Murphy's Law #112, "If it's gonna break down in the middle of aerification of a green..." Sounds rather stupid to say that, but if you have never had a major breakdown in the middle of aerifying, then you either have never done it or you are very lucky! Fairways and tees always seem to be no brainers. But it's your pride and joy, your greens, that always seem to give you grief. I for one can't wait 'til that's behind me. With that I'll close. I hope things go well for you all this fall and you don't have any major problems. See ya next month.

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