

Editor's Corner

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SAFETY

The season has come upon us, and we all get somewhat overwhelmed with all that goes on in a single day. But as our summer troops come back from college or high school. They still need to be retrained about all the safety issues on each piece of equipment. Or there are those who have just started working on a golf course for the first time and just don't know how important safety is.

It is up to us, the golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents and mechanics to make sure everyone knows how to properly operate each piece of equipment in a safe manner. For each of us, being in the business for a long time, it's easy to breeze through a training session and somewhat overlook the obvious sometimes. Simply because we know all there is to know and put a lot of it off on common sense. And as we all know, not everyone is born with common sense, and it is NOT something you can teach someone. So be safe, fully train your people. But don't

forget to show them how fun it can also be to work on a golf course.

TRUST??

Now, that's a word that used to mean something. For me, I have always given people the benefit of the doubt and trusted them. Sure, I've gotten burned once or twice or was that three times, but I always say, if you're going to burn me, you better make it good, because it's the only chance you're going to get. In talking with some of my peers, even this season, either employees, their pro's or general managers have done things, or gone behind their backs for one reason or another.

Once the trust has been broken, I feel anyway, you can never trust that person ever again, and it's too bad people have to be the way they are sometimes. Sooner or later, what comes around goes around. But it still hurts. The worst of it is, if they have crossed that line once, what is to say they won't do it again.

This also goes along with another word that used to mean something, that I also feel goes hand in hand: RESPECT. How can you have respect for someone you can't trust, or vice versa. It's like a superintendent and their assistant, or assistants, or their mechanics, there must be respect and trust for everything to work. It makes for a long season if you have to watch your back. And the worst of it is, the season can seem long enough at times even without the conflicts of trust.

FISHIN' REPORT...

By the time you're reading this, fishing opener has become just a memory. And for those of you who worked the Saturday of fishing opener, way to go!!! Because it sucked!! A little breezy and down right chilly. There were even a few snow flurries throughout the state. But Sunday however seemed to be quite good for many people. The crew who came to the Wudtik Inn & Yacht Club did rather well. There were quite a few limits filled. The weather was still a little on the breezy side but at least the sun came out, so it didn't seem to be all bad. Besides, when you have a fish on the line, who realizes it's chilly...

With that, I'll close, keep smiling and we'll see ya next month.

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