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From Your President's Desk

## Fall is Again Upon Us, **Golf Course Closings** Cannot Be Far Behind



Fall is again upon us and the close of the golf course can not be far behind. I heard last night that the National Weather Service predicts a colder winter. Of course they didn't say colder than what. I am sure that I am not alone in looking forward to the end. It has been a long season.

The October meeting at Tanner's Brook was a huge success. Thanks go out to host superintendent Kevin Clunis, CGCS for providing a beautiful course for us to play. Meteorologist Marty McKeown gave us some insights into weather prediction. All in all a very good monthly meeting.

On the phosphorous issue we have come to agreement with the Department of Agriculture. Professional turfgrass managers will have an alternate path to follow if they choose to continue to use phosphorous. They will have the opportunity to either soil test to show a need or attend a training session at our annual conference on the best use of phosphorous. This compromise allows us to continue to use phosphorous and satisfies the intent of the legislation of reducing the improper application of this essential plant nutrient.

The annual conference has been finalized and should be in your hands shortly if not already. James Bade and the Education Committee have done an excellent job for the golf portion of the program. The annual meeting will contain a discussion and vote on the GCSAA PDI issue. The GCSAA web site has a PDI area with all of the details. Support or oppose, it is up to you the members to let us know your feelings. I look forward to seeing you all at the conference.

> - Respectfully, Paul Eckholm, CGCS



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