

## Peer-to-Peer-

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A new product that I began experimenting with this year at **Chisago Lakes** is Civitas. This is the mineral oil product from Petro-Canada. There were two different approaches I took with very good results. The first was on some of my back tees that I used the product with no added fungicide. I sprayed two different times (mainly for dollar spot) using Propiconazole and my test tees using the "low" rate (8oz oil-1oz harmonizer) of Civitas. The results for me were that the Civitas provided equal and some times better control than the fungicide. Additionally the turf color of the Civitas was darker. My other experiment was on two different greens. One of my practice greens and 1/2 of hole #14 green. (10,000 sq. ft. green split in half.) This was a terrific way to see results. The regiment for these greens was to cut the scheduled fungicide rate in half and use the "low" rate of Civitas. Disease was not a problem on any of the greens. The biggest difference was the color of the turf. Golfers asked many questions what we were doing. The Civitas half was so much greener and looked fantastic. This was a good way to educate golfers and show how I am trying to impliment environmentally friendly practices wherever I can. I could see the color difference right after spraying similar to using a heavy indicator dye. The color is not a short-term paint color however. The color lasts more than three weeks and until the next spraying. I had a sprayed area on the back edge of the green this fall that dried out because of a large oak tree above it. This was 2-3 weeks after application and rather than turning tan it turned a very strange light green throughout the entire blade of grass. To me it looked like the Civitas was acting like a systemic and trans-located through the blade. This fall I will spray all of my greens with Civitas for this color enhancement and disease reduction. My thought process is that it may lengthen the growing season, the golfers love the turf color, this will replace my fall fungicide application and research shows snow mold reduction with the product. -Brian Brown, Chisago Lakes Golf Course

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Posted October 6 WANTED

Par Aide Products Co. is looking to local MN superintendents for help in collecting old Par Aide Ball Washers, Ball Washer Pipe and Ball Washer Bases. If you have any of these old products that you would like to get rid of please contact Scott Melling at Par Aide, 651-379-8444 or scott@paraide.com.

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### Posted August 17 FOR SALE

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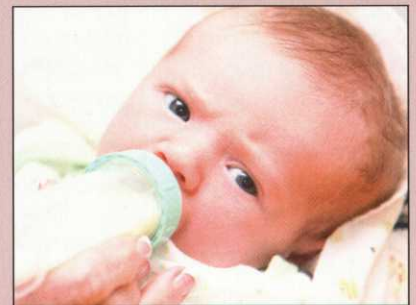
Toro five gang mower  
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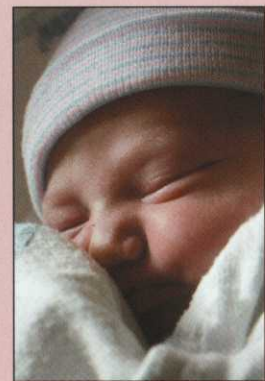


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### LEIGHTON ISAAH HINES

Kristin and Scottie Hines, CGCS, Windsong Farm GC, proudly announce the birth of a healthy baby boy: Leighton Isaiah Hines. Born on September 10 at 5:16 p.m. he weighed in at 7.6 pounds and stretched 18.5 inches at birth. Baby, mom and the "sappy" dad are doing great!



### CLARA MARIA KNOX

Clara Maria Knox was born on Sept. 25, 2009 @ 4:30pm. She was 8 lbs., 7ozs. and 18 inches long. Maia and Kurt Knox, Superintendent at Island View Golf Club, are also "doing great!"



# MINNESOTA TURF & GROUNDS FOUNDATION

## Emerald Ash Borer Info Highlights Super Tuesday on January 5, 2010 During Northern Green Expo at MCC

The potential economic and environmental impacts of losing our ash trees in Minnesota is substantial.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that if EAB is not contained or eradicated, it has the potential to cost state and local governments \$7 billion over the next 25 years to remove and replace dead and dying ash trees that can pose a safety hazard in urban and suburban areas.

**With an estimated 900 million ash trees in Minnesota** -- second only to Maine -- many communities and recreational areas face the bleak certainty of losing treasured trees to the emerald ash borer, which has already killed millions of trees in 12 other states.

This program will allow all those in Minnesota who are struggling to determine best practices to learn from those who have lived through the arrival of EAB and who are now on to the management phase.

### Topics

- Budgetary Issues
- Tree Inventory
- Insecticide Treatment Options
- Current Research on EAB Management
- Risk Management

### Impact on Golf Courses

Stephen Sarnowski, Golf Course Superintendent at Raisin River Country Club, will also present a case study of how EAB has impacted his golf course which is located in Michigan, one of the states that was most ravaged by EAB. Raisin River Country Club had over 600 ash trees before the arrival of EAB which contributed significantly to both the cultural and aesthetic appeal of the course. Rather than cut down its entire inventory of ash trees, Raisin River Country Club has taken a proactive approach to preserving the culture of its course by incorporating EAB treatment options. It has managed to preserve over 230 ash trees which they continue to treat today.

### Research Update

Dr. Chris Williamson, Entomologist, University of Wisconsin-Madison will present up-to-date research on EAB insecticide management options. Scientists continue to improve and learn new techniques for managing Emerald Ash Borer and Dr. Williamson will help you stay informed on the latest results.


Dr. Williamson is one of six university scientists from a five-

state team that recently wrote *Insecticide Options for Protecting Ash Trees from Emerald Ash Borer*. This document serves as a compilation of the most up-to-date insecticide research findings from leading scientists in EAB states. Chris will discuss the research that provided the basis for this bulletin and any recent updates from 2009 field research trials.

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# The Savory Supe

By *Scottie Hines, CGCS*  
*Windsong Farm Golf Club*



This is a great meal that is quickly prepared with leftover chicken from the night before. With leftovers, prep time is about 5-7 minutes and cook time is approximately 6-8 minutes. Add 10 - 15 minutes if using fresh chicken and/or roasting your own red peppers.

### What you will need:

- 1 pound package of fettuccine
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons of Dijon mustard
- 2 cups shredded chicken (cooked)
- 1/2 cup chopped and roasted red pepper

## Fettuccine in Creamy Mustard Chicken Sauce



Cook fettuccine in a large pot of boiling, slightly salty water. Cook until noodles are just tender. Drain and rinse pasta in fresh hot water. Return to pot.

Add the heavy cream and mustard to the pot. Cook this over medium heat stirring or tossing regularly. After two minutes the pasta and sauces should be well mixed. Add the chicken and roasted peppers. Heat thoroughly and serve.

For an added twist you can use flavored or colored pasta, such as spinach fettuccine. You can also use turkey or pheasant as a substitute for the chicken.

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*An Adventure in Life*

# Traveling Down Under to Tasmania

BY RANDY WITT, CGCS

*Courses Manager  
Hong Kong Golf Club*

One of the highlights each year for me has been attending the Golf Industry Show, with my first being in Minneapolis back a few years ago...well, more than a few years, I guess. It has always been a great way to network, keep up with the industry trends, take in a couple of educational seminars, meet old friends and get psychologically geared up for another golf season. This year, I chose to skip the New Orleans experience and attend the 25th Australian Turfgrass Conference and Trade Exhibition in Hobart, Tasmania in mid-July. With a great sense of anticipation, I was looking forward to a new show experience, some sightseeing, and some cooler weather "down under."

July 9th saw us leave Hong Kong at 11:30 pm for about an eight-hour flight into Perth, Australia aboard Quantas Airlines. Hopping a six-hour flight to Melbourne, and then a short flight from

until the conference was to kick off, we rented a car and toured the island, first driving to the north, then to the east, and finally back south to Hobart. Traveling the countryside reminded me a bit of being back in Wisconsin, with once major exception. The fields and hillsides were populated with sheep rather than dairy cattle and beef. Driving across the northern coast area provided for some great photography opportunities, but the going was slow. The two-lane road consisted of a series of switchbacks going up the mountainous coastline and then back down as we made our way to the eastern coastal area. 30 to 40 mph was the persistent speed for about five hours, but the sights were astounding. Seeing kangaroos and the actual Tasmanian Devils definitely were a couple of the high points of our travels. Stopping in a small village for lunch or breakfast, and an evening meal

and refreshment in a small Australian pub were both enjoyable and very relaxing. Much can be said and admired for the Tasmanian relaxed and laid back, easygoing style of life and attitude. An early morning venture to a fast food drive thru for a cup of coffee was interesting in that the drive-thru would not be open till 9 am.

Definitely laid back and not rushed was the cornerstone for the day.

Golf courses on Tasmania range from very quaint, simple, low maintenance to world-renowned golf courses. One course we happened across during our travels had greens fees based on the honor system. You simply place your money in a box at the first tee, take a scorecard, and tee it up. At the other end of the spectrum was



*Tasmanian Devil*

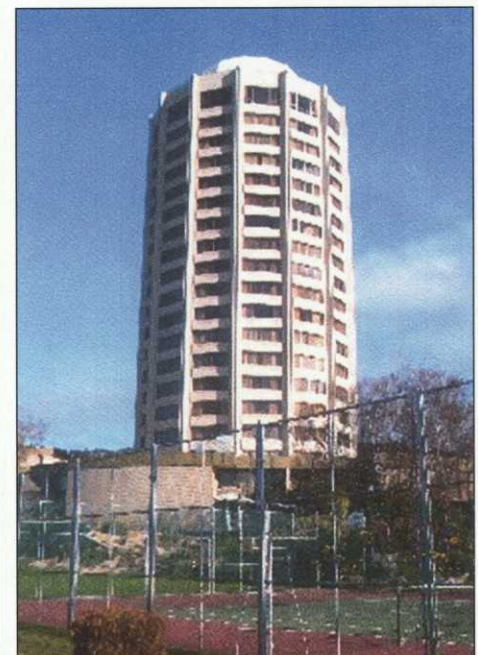
Barnbougle Dunes, a Tom Doak links creation that has achieved the ranking of the seventh best Public Course in the world. Monday saw the beginning of the conference with an AGCSA golf tournament at the Royal Hobart Golf Club. The day of golf was followed with the Welcome Reception Monday evening at the Wrest Point Hotel and Conference Center which served as the site for the four-day

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*Sheep in Tasmania*

Melbourne to the island of Tasmania and the city of Hobart followed a western style breakfast in Perth. The British founded Hobart, with a population of 200,000, in 1803 as a penal colony. This quiet, laid back, beautiful city is situated at the base of Mt. Wellington and boasts a beautiful, picturesque harbor. With a couple of days



*Headquarters Hotel in Tasmania*



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conference.

The AGCSA Turf Conference is similar to the GIS in that the conference has a different city venue each year. Educational sessions are similar to those that are put for at the GIS with a central theme being used for each session throughout the day. Sessions were held with the emphasis on either golf course turf management or sports field management. Day two focused on the superintendents' management skills and practices, dealing with personal stress, and other related health issues. Morning Tea and lunch were provided on a daily basis as part of the registration package. I believe we all recognize that stress is a daily partner in our pro-



Greens fees on the honor system.

fession. Learning to cope with stress and related issues so that one's personal health is critical for success and longevity in our chosen profession. We must also not lose sight of the fact that stress and how the superintendent deals with the job and job-related issues affects not only the superintendent but the individuals' family members also.

Information gleaned from the first day was both beneficial and thought-provoking.

Day three was centered on turf management matters dealing with using plant growth regulators, soil amendments, thatch management, and field trials results. Lunch and the trade show took up the center of the day, educational sessions in the afternoon followed by the Trade Show and Happy Hour in the late afternoon. The AGCSA Annual Meeting completed the day. Day four was a day devoted to both health issues and turf management topics as they related to course construction projects. Once again lunch and the trade show spanned mid-day with the afternoon session devoted to budgets and budgeting, and making do with less. As in the United States, budgetary concerns are of a primary concern with the Australian superintendents. The final event of the conference was the traditional President Dinner on Thursday evening.

Evening hours were useful for meeting vendors, suppliers and colleagues at company-sponsored events at some of the wonderful restaurant and refreshment establishments in Hobart. We found some wonderful dining establishments in Hobart with first-class food, service and course refreshments. July is part of the off-season, so service was top rate and crowds were minimal. Winter temperatures during our stay were comfortable with daytime highs in the lower 60s and nighttime lows in the 40s. This was definitely a welcome change coming from the warm, humid weather of a Hong Kong summer.

Friday afforded one last opportunity to travel around Hobart and the surrounding countryside on a perfect clear, sunny day. Saturday afforded normal superintendents early morning with a plane flight out of Hobart at 6 a.m. bound for Melbourne. A quick change of planes in Melbourne to catch a flight for Sydney. A quick breakfast in Sydney, then a flight out of Sydney back home to the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. The anticipation of traveling to Tasmania was fully rewarded with another great Adventure in Life.

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## GCSAA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATE

# "Change is Good"

BY JAKE RYAN

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent  
Northland Country Club



My father has a group photo in his office of nine sales colleagues and himself in the Bahamas. His sales team earned this vacation for exceeding their sales goals in 1992. As the years passed he put a sticker by each individual indicating the order his colleagues were removed from the company. After a 29-year career my father, the only sticker-less person on that picture, retired in July. As I go through life, "Son, Change Is Good" he always professes to me. My father was able to accept change as a positive process in his career. It allowed him to flourish in the corporate world of ever-changing personnel, job titles and management structures. My father figured it out.

### *Change Is Good*

Recently I attended the GCSAA Leadership Academy. There was some hesitation upon hearing from Leann Cooper, GCSAA Chapter Services Manager, that I was nominated to attend. Over the last couple years I found myself distancing away from the GCSAA, wondering what I was getting out of my membership. A magazine that I would flick through in an evening, a web site I could peruse for jobs and the industry show in warmer climates than Minnesota was all I could come up with. There were concerns of how the association was being driven. Has environmental stewardship been set to the side as vendors try to gain the upper hand? Had big business entangled them to push their agendas? Without a slight bit concern for me are members thought merely as profit potential? Aside from all my built-up skepticisms, I wanted to represent the MGCSA and knew it would be a great opportunity to see if the GCSAA mission statement still held true:

"GCSAA is dedicated to serving its members, advancing their profession and enhancing the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf."

**Mark Woodward, CGCS, GCSAA CEO, spoke about the initiatives of the association** on the first day. The association has a new Class A outreach campaign with an objective: "To continue to build

the awareness, understanding and demand for GCSAA Class A members and the association in the marketplace by reaching employers and avid/influential golfers." Consisting of integrated messaging vehicles to reach the target audience, while continuing to utilize consumer media to drive demand by reaching the avid/influential golfer audience, the proposed Class A outreach campaign targets

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employers. The campaign goal is to communicate the following key messages to the target audiences:

Employers believe GCSAA Class A Members and GCSAA represent:

- Qualified professionals (stewards of the environment, golf course managers, facility leaders).
- Keys to the customer's golf experience and revenue generation at a facility.
- Business managers and mitigators of both expenses and risk.

Avid/Influential golfers believe GCSAA and its members deliver:

- Enjoyment of the game.
- Quality playing conditions.
- The golfers "Third Place."

Reaching out to these two audiences is accomplished through many elements. Golf Channel and the GCSAA have built great media relations. Helping us produce over 400, 30-second commercial spots on television. At tournament locations they are producing 10-12 live interviews with a GCSAA member. The association reaches over 650,000 subscribers on the Golf Channel's weekly internet newsletter. In print media advertisements are being run in employer-based publications like Golf Business, Club & Resort Business and Club Management. These elements are

paid by the association through revenue creation. The campaign is compromised without a strong membership, Golf Industry Show and fiscal responsibility.

**Beyond the new campaign there are many ongoing efforts.** The member/chapter assistance and education strives to have various communication resources and strategic planning/execution. Through exhibition, presentations and special meetings, the association has a presence at many events such as the CMAA conference, PGA merchandise show and the Business Management Institute. On a regular basis the association is represented by editorial placements in employer focused publications such as Boardroom, Earthshaping News and PGA Magazine. The public relations of the GCSAA have been bolstered by involvement in Special Olympics Sponsorships, Play Golf America and many other outlets.

Dedicated members of the association contribute time advancing our profession in these efforts. The association is always looking for new ideas and involvement from the membership.

After Mark's presentation the Midwest Regional Director of Agronomy for Billy Casper Golf, Bryan Stromme, led a great discussion on "Taking the Lead in Environmental Issues in Golf." Golf management companies are becoming a large driving force in the industry with companies like Troon, KemperSports and Billy Casper Golf leading the way. Encompassing over 100 golf facilities Billy Casper Golf has a large footprint of innovative golf course management. Bryan addressed many important questions pertaining to management companies, and water consumption.

**Feelings of a management company led me to a "Big Brother" mentality.** Most in the room agreed to a certain degree. My perception has always been a Midwest Regional Director of Agronomy walks on property and starts creating programs for a course he hasn't spent more than 10 hours on in the last year. Essentially this

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## Leadership Academy-

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would leave a superintendent merely with guidelines and no opportunity to innovate on their golf course. Bryan's approach with the superintendent, aligned with the GCSAA's current campaign, is to allow innovative/forward thinking decisions throughout the facility. Facilities take on a stagnate position without this approach. This is detrimental to the vitality of the game. The topic of water usage created a great discussion. I was looking forward to it considering all the steps we at Northland Country Club are taking to reduce inputs. It is something everyone agreed we need to reduce. Looming mandates in regions coupled with areas already restricted. The superintendent needs to be innovative in this area. A 2005 report from NASA approximates acreage estimates for lawns in the U.S., including golf courses, is 31.7 million. Golf's 1,198,381 acres of irrigated turfgrass would account for approximately 3.2 percent of the 31.7 million total estimated acres of lawn (NASA's earth observatory features section, 2005). A very small portion but heavily scrutinized by law makers. It is impressive how the association helps promote the superintendent on this topic.

**Even with the heavy burden law maker's put on us, our industry moves forward.** The innovative superintendent and the GCSAA continue to elevate our platform. The Sierra Nevada GCSA, in collaboration with the association, has put together a video series of best management practices for water usage in their region. A great example of what the association is providing at the chapter level. The Environmental Institute for Golf, GCSAA's philanthropic organization, has the "Golf Course Environmental Profiles" that provide new insight into water usage. It creates a solid position for us at the national level. Our association is allowing turfgrass managers to learn through research and collaboration. Through data they show lawmakers our continued efforts to be environmental stewards and lobby for us in the legislature. The industry without the GCSAA and its members collaborating, are certainly not in an advantageous position.

**Our association continues to identify and place leaders from within its membership base.** On the second day the leadership talk, "360 Degree Leadership: Developing Your Influence From Anywhere in the Organization," was pre-

sented by Steve Keating, CME, CSE. As the Selling Skills Manager at The Toro Company he oversees the professional development of the entire sales force. He has quite a reputation for his leadership insights with nearly 15,000 followers on his Twitter account and he follows nearly everyone in return. His account states, "Builder of People, Improving the Sales Profession, Developing the Next Generation of Leaders, Not selling a thing on Twitter, only giving back," which sums up this man quite well. He reaches out in every direction, a true leader from the middle, which is the basis of his presentation.

As a 360 leader you possess the skills to make significant impact in your organization even if you are not the main leader. Whether leading up, across, or down, they influence people at every level of an organization. Adept at leading their superiors and their peers, a 360 leader is more than capable to lead their followers. In this position they help others to help themselves. Challenges that face them are many, but tension, ego and vision are just a few. To lead in all directions there are principles in which they must conduct themselves. I would love to talk more in-depth on this topic but could never do it justice compared to Steve's abilities. It is a must see presentation.

On a side note, when I came to Northland two years ago I persisted through the leadership struggles. An area I knew needed improvement. During a visit home my father, knowing my struggles, gave me a packet of information from a leadership seminar he attended through his company. The seminar was "The 360 Degree Leader" and the packet included a lot of the material that Steve presented so well that day. I felt very fortunate to have read and known some of the topics.

**Another must see is GCSAA Headquarters and the staff that it houses to make it all happen.** Many of the staff members made presentations throughout the academy. We toured the headquarters and walked by every cubicle in the building. I was very impressed with the way we were all treated for three days. First class all the way. The level of commitment to the membership truly is seen through these employees. I won't name everyone but here are a few of the Member/Chapter Services team.

**Leann Cooper, Manager/Chapter Services**, one of the nicest ladies I've met, takes great care in making sure all affiliate association members are receiving the services they need. Email responses with

in minutes. Email: lcooper@gcsaa.org

**Dave Fearis, Director, Membership**, a wealth of information coming from a well-respected former superintendent. Key player in helping Class C MGCSA members have future involvement at the board level. Email: dfearis@gcsaa.org

**Steve Randall, Sr. Manager, Chapter Outreach** - My golf partner and a heck of a stick. He will travel to any affiliate chapter meeting at our beck and call. Has helped many affiliate chapters be rejuvenated with new goals. Email: srandall@gcsaa.org

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The take away from this experience brings me new belief in the association. No longer is it a magazine to flick through. It is an opportunity for every researcher, vendor and anyone tied into the industry to be seen and heard. It provides entrepreneurs with new ideas, an opportunity to tap into a wonderful market. Environmental stewardship has never left the GCSAA. They need more involvement from the chapter/facility level and from its members. There is a need for new leaders and ideas. The thought of GCSAA being big business will never cross my mind again. Certainly it takes money to create an association with considerable stake in our industry and economy. We need to be thankful for all the opportunity corporate sponsorships and donations generate for us. The service we receive as a member is very commendable and the central effort for the entire staff.

**The doubts I had about the association have been changed.**

I now realize without the GCSAA the Superintendent will not prosper and without the Superintendent the GCSAA ceases to exist. If you are in the position I was in, think about changing your approach. Help lead the association in an ever changing industry. The best place to start is at the chapter level and I am happy to say the MGCSA is regarded as one of the best chapters in the country. Being adept to change in our industry will provide you opportunity. In a down economy never cut GCSAA or MGCSA memberships from your employees. Encourage them to be part of the associations that help create successful careers. In the end this helps the greater good of our industry and vitality of the game.

**The Leadership Academy was a wonderful opportunity** and I hope the MGCSA is able to identify a person to send every year. I thank everyone who played a role in my being there.



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## Living the Dream!

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Darkness greets me every morning. Eyes open, yet seemingly shut, I feel my way quietly, so as not to wake my wife, out of the bedroom. Door closed, my hand reaches for the switch that will bring artificial light to my pitch black world.

Starlit pre-dawn hours in the spring and summer relinquish their hold as the sun quickly rises. I embrace the seemingly long days and the opportunities therein. However, not so much in the fall and winter when my world is dark for too many hours, my time outside abbreviated.

**With the onset of noticeably shorter days I find myself going into a funk** of sorts. Indeed my work load is less; the pressures of 10.5 plus green speeds, perfect bunkers and a completely line-trimmed course are impossible to achieve as my staff evaporates back to school. Nor are player demands quite as critical as they were during the peak season in the months of June, July and August. No longer do I spend over 60 hours a week plying my trade at 'the club.' Now I have time to pick up and implement the 'to do' list at home, generated as I shift gears from superintendent to homeowner prior to the first snow fall.

**Don't misunderstand me**, I relish the opportunity and love to improve my space at home, this year an extension of the deck, but as the days grow shorter I feel a mild depression for soon I will be home or office bound with no green grass to monitor and manage. Of course I will be able to occupy my work days with tree trimming, book keeping and taking advantage of educational opportunities. And I can paint the living room, refinish some furniture and wax my wife's car. But it won't be long before I become bored with the benign trappings of winter.

**Sure, I look forward to skiing**, catching up on a few good books, sharing a bowl of popcorn with my bride while watching the glower of a raging bonfire. Turkey Day will return my children from school and a rotisserie 'big bird' and both

sophisticated and sophomoric conversation will satiate all of our appetites. Sleeping in (maybe until 6:00 am) could feel pretty good, but I tend to get restless after 5:00. Linger over a cup of tea accompanied by gooey caramel rolls or Christmas cookies will conjure memories of youth, gifts, gratefulness and joy. And gathering with friends and family will elicit reflection upon the freedoms our great country offers. Yet my life will feel incomplete.

**Call me crazy** (some really do!), but I love to work my chosen vocation and would prefer the off-season be shorter by six weeks, maybe eight. The winter sol-

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stice and the lengthening of daylight hours cannot arrive soon enough nor the first week of February when the average low temperature of one degree drifts ever so slowly upward. Not even a January thaw will defuse the clouds of mild depression I seem to start suffering shortly after the last leaf has been mulched and covers applied to the greens. So what is wrong with me?

**No, I do not think it is Seasonal Affective Disorder.** My energy level does not decrease or appetite for starchy and sugary foods increase after the first frost. In fact, I often find an abundance of winter vigor enables me to be very productive conquering projects procrastinated during the heat of summer. The off season is my time of year to maintain the house. Cooking, vacuuming and general cleaning become Jack's duties as my wife, a teacher and private reading tutor, adapts to her longer days. A daily workout has become

habit and when it snows I shovel. Nope, I do not lack energy. And as principal winter chef I tend to lean toward meats, vegetables and gravy laden, healthy comfort foods.

**The bluesy malady I suffer** probably won't be improved through the use of bright light therapy, medication, ionized-air administration, cognitive-behavioral therapy and carefully timed supplementation of the hormone melatonin. Although I do like a few minutes under the tanning lamp should my budget permit a trip to a southern local! In truth, I don't believe I suffer from SADs. Rather, I think I miss the long hours, heat and prospects of summer. Yes, summer. Complete with a full crew to employ, turf management challenges to address and a busy workload.

**In short, my heart aches during the off season because I miss my job as a golf course manager.** Since 1976 I have lived my dream and each fall I remiss the fact that spring is so far away. The people I work with are true gems. The diverse turf management situations upon which I apply my education are always challenging me. The environment of growth, rejuvenation, stress and recovery excites me to my core. The pressure of growing grass on the edge and producing a product in which my patrons take great pride keeps me from becoming distracted or complacent. My life is most enjoyable when I am applying my trade.

**During the chill of winter my calling is shouting**, yet I can't do anything about it. Tiny tufts of sampled turf do nothing for my soul no

matter how "green" they may smell. A holdover Robin darting from beneath the cover of a spruce tree is just a tease.

**This winter I will harshly kick my share of fenderbergs**, those crusty conglomerations of frozen snow and salt/sand that grow upon the under carriage of cars and trucks from November through March. Pondering unhappily the distinct shapes of snowflakes I will steep in my hot tub. Shuddering spastically I will twitch from the distinct noise of snow across ice under my rubber soled sorrel boots. And my breath will catch and stutter as I draw deep the frosty dry sub-zero air.

**Through it all, in the depths of my mildly depressed mind**, I will reminisce the joy of summers past and yearn for the warmth of the next season. These blossoming thoughts will help brighten my soul as I suffer in the growing darkness.