

sand on the backswing. It takes very little effort to keep the sand trap in the same condition you found it in, if not better.

Immediately after taking command of a golf car, the golfer should realize that he is operating a grass plants' nightmare. It is the most devastating facet in routine turf management on the golf course. The golfer should operate the vehicle in a manner that will minimize its detrimental aspect. Operating the golf car in rough areas whenever and wherever possible is a must. He should confine the vehicle to designated paths. Staying clear of wet areas and worn turf will result in better quality turf.

Another area of responsibility that rests on the golfer is permitting work to be accomplished on the course. The superintendent and his crew are constantly trying to meet work schedules around the golfers. However, there are times when the golfer should sacrifice a minute or two in order to let a particular job be completed. If a green is being sprayed and the operator has almost completed his job, let him finish. It seems quite absurd that the worker should stop for five minutes to let a foursome through when he can have his job completed in a minute or two. The same aspect applies to the men cutting tees, aprons, greens and fairways. If the golfer can observe that the job is just about completed, let the worker finish the job and let him move on. It is amazing how many man-hours can be saved if the golfer shows the same courtesy to the crew that the crew strives to show the golfer.

The last responsibility to be discussed is that of keeping the course clean. Wherever people gather, so does trash. Nothing mars the appearance of a golf course more than garbage, and the guilty ones are the golfers. It is the golfers responsibility to dispose of refuse properly.

By carrying out his responsibilities, the golfer will certainly add to the betterment of his golf course. By carrying out his responsibilities, the golfer will certainly win the respect of the superintendent and other golfers. By carrying out his responsibilities, the golfer will certainly become an asset to the operating of the golf course.

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*Some people are confident they could move mountains if only somebody would just clear the foothills out of the way.*

*Human nature seems to endow every man with the ability to size up every man but himself.*

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## GCSA Certification Programs Changes

The Certification program now requires two, rather than three years as a Class A member of GCSAA. Specific requirements and procedures for recertification and retired status were also clarified.

All members interested in the Certified Golf Course Superintendents Program should direct their inquiries to the Director of Education, at GCSAA Headquarters Office, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

Our Mid-Atlantic CGCS climbed to 21 this month with the additions of Ed Schmitt from the University of Maryland Golf Course and Robert Bingham, who now operates his own turf management company.

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