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Herb. Herb did a great cannonball against his will from the great and now half submerged duck house. In short order, we also found out old Herb didn't know how to swim. The group of dignitaries present gasped briefly, then in unison and without discussion or vote proclaimed me one dumb S.O.B.

But, after years of reflection, I don't believe it was Sleeping Herb or the great duck house, but the newly installed air-conditioner that finished off my career. Let me go on.

Think of the hottest weather

in which you have ever worked; and when you hear the rest of the story, I'm sure you'll understand. Sitting in my office with the thermostat set at 68 degrees, my greens chairman walks in and asks me, "What's wrong with the thirteenth green?" I say to him, "I don't know; what's it look like? Since I got this new air conditioner I don't like to go out on the course when it's this hot." I say, "Do me a favor, grab the cup cutter and take a plug, send it down to tech and let me know what they think." He goes crazy and starts screaming obscenities. (You try to help someone and they turn on you like a dog to a duck). So I say, "Ok, if that's too much trouble, take this Polaroid camera, take some shots and bring the pictures back to my office (my air-conditioned office), and maybe I can figure something out. Just be careful driving out there, the crew is probably taking a nap in the woods."

He simply reached over and pulled the plug from my air conditioner.

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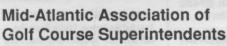


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