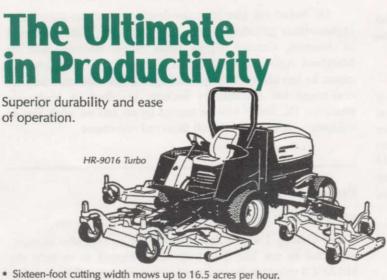
## **Editor's Letter**

## Tim R. Norris, CGCS, Director of Communications

Weather! It seems to be the number one topic of conversation these days. I have been in this area for six years and we have supposedly had abnormal weather every year. Record highs in the summer of 1993, followed by ice storms in February and March of 1994. Heat and drought brings Grey Leaf Spot in the summer of '95, with blizzards in January and February of '96. Record rainfall amounts in 1997 and now I am still irrigating in December. I have come to believe that abnormal is normal in the Mid Atlantic. If anyone knows what a normal weather year is, would you please let me know!

We may complain about things like the weather, but you don't have to look very far to realize how fortunate you really are. During this holiday season we should all reflect on the many blessings we receive every day, being outdoors, seeing a sunrise in the morning, and being able to work hand in hand with Mother Nature to produce a beautiful golf course are just a few blessings that come to my mind. I believe we have the best job in the golf industry. May you and your family have a Happy Holiday season and prosperous New Year.



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