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President's Message

Walter C. Montross, CGCS



A member at Westwood once mentioned to me that every newsletter article I wrote began with a weather commentary. He went on to say that I usually mentioned that this was the hottest, driest, wettest, coldest most miserable weather ever experienced. I was sure he was wrong so I went back and read my articles only to find references to Noah's Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah, El Nino, Global Warming and Ozone Depletion. To my amazement I discovered he was right, I always seem to find fault with the prevailing conditions. Why do I mention this? As I sit here and reflect on the need to irrigate, I can reflect back to last year when we were under water and losing the mowing battle. I am going on record that for the first time in my life (as a GCS) the weather is perfect! However, I will be intently watching the Weather Channel for possible changes to my outlook.

Many thanks to Ken Keller and Fountain Head CC for hosting the April meeting. The weather cleared right before play and the conditions were marvelous. Kudos to Steve Potter, C.G.C.S. and thanks to Woodholme CC for hosting the May Superintendent/Professional Tournament. This is a huge undertaking and commitment to not only host your peers but the many club pros.

The Welcoming Committee, which is chaired by Nick Vance, David Burkhart and John Newcomb has gotten off to a terrific start. At this time they along with the many volunteers (who have offered to

help) have visited with over 70 new and prospective members. The feedback we are getting is very positive and I hope these new people will join us at our future meetings.

John Newcomb, our Social and Benevolence Chairman is in the process of organizing a luncheon for the spouses. We hope to generate feedback on the many social issues our Association should and does deal with. It is also our hope to create a possible support network amongst our members and spouses. I remember when my wife first met other members wives at a social function, on our way home she said she was surprised at how similar (complaining was the word she used) we all were. She thought I was the only one that worked unreasonable hours, worked on weekends and didn't take summer vacations with the family. I would like to encourage all spouses to attend. You just may find some much needed support or at least some humorous anecdotes about the frailties of our chosen profession.

This brings me to the subject of family and the time we spend with them. I hope by now you have booked that summer vacation with the family. Having a 16 year old daughter and a 14 year old son it is easy to see our time together diminishing in the near future. I hope if I have learned anything about this business it is to work smarter (not longer) and to realize that no matter how hard I work there is still more to do than is humanly possible.



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