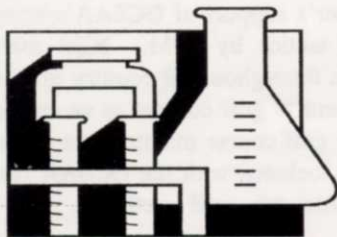


## Editor's Letter

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

I have experienced a roller coaster of emotions recently. As I make my rounds around the golf course each day I am awestruck by the beauty I see. The rich reds and vibrant yellows of the foliage contrasting with the green turf is truly a picture that comes from someone greater than us. I don't believe that there is a better time to enjoy a golf course in the Mid Atlantic area than in the autumn. Yet at the same time we have heard of the tragic death of Payne Stewart and others due to some mechanical fluke. As I watched the memorial service for Payne Stewart there was a common thread from all of his friends. Here was a man that had experienced ups and downs in his life. It seems most of the downs came when he was putting his professional life in front of his personal life. By all accounts, Payne had taken time over the past year or two to reassess his priorities. When he put his personal life in order, his professional life soared. Perhaps during the off-season we can all think about those individuals and things, family, home and religion, that are really important in our lives. I was discussing some of these issues with my Mom while she was visiting and she said something that really struck home. Are our jobs a way to "make a living" or do we use the resources our jobs provide to "make a life"? Don't put off telling your loved ones how you feel because as we all saw, tomorrow is never a sure thing.



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