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President's Message

Nick Vance, CGCS

I would like to start by thanking our good friends Bill Neus, CGCS at Hobbits Glen Golf Club and Tom Lipscomb from P.B.Dye Golf Club for hosting our April and May meetings.

Bill and his staff, on pretty short notice, did a great job in setting up the golf course for us and the choice for dinner was great. Our Education Chairman, Jim Halley, made a great choice in securing Geoff Lewis to speak. He was very entertaining and his suggestions should be very helpful to those of us who agree that image is very important to our careers.

Tom Lipscomb at P.B.Dye not only did a great job having the golf course ready for us, but he and the Professional won the event. Tom said he was just along for the ride, but some of us heard the whole story. Congratulations to all the winners and especially to Tom Lipscomb and Jeff Rosenberg, low net, and Dean Graves and Jim Fitzgerald, low gross. Both were great rounds on a golf course that ate most of our lunches.

I know that the people that are reading this message are very aware of the spring we have been having and the possibilities that we face for the next few months. Because of those possibilities I would like to close my message with something that was forwarded to me by my daughter. Maybe in reading it we can all look at life in a healthier way.

Time and Friends

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each day \$86,400.00. It carries over



no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do?

Draw out ALL OF IT, of course!!! Each of us has such a bank, Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present of today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

- To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.
- To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
- To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask

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Another change has been an increase in intermediate rough surrounding the fairway. It makes perfect sense in theory, missing the fairway by inches should not be penal, but mowing this strip provides a real challenge to Superintendents. Finding the right width, height of cut, frequency, equipment, and turf type is not easy. Our friend Stan needs to find a name for this too. Intermediate Rough, First Cut, Primary Rough, what is best? My staff calls it the "Once Arounds!"

Grass selections have changed as well. Heaven help the courses with roughs seeded to K-31 Tall Fescue. I had a college professor that called K-31 "60 mile per hour grass." It only looked good, Dr. Troll said, if you were driving past it at 60mph! The

improved Turf Type Tall Fescues are much better. Bluegrasses seem to be the answer for new courses but introducing them into existing turf can be difficult. Ryegrass was great before Grey Leaf Spot. Don't you just love the Mid-Atlantic, there is no perfect grass.

The diversity of courses and conditions help make golf a great game. Just look at last year's Open Championships. No rough at Pinehurst and punishing rough at Carnoustie, and how about that new 1 3/8" second cut at Augusta. Rough comprises so much of the course and there is so much play out of the rough we should have some management plan for it, even if the plan is for low maintenance.

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ask the Superintendent who's whole crew was an hour late on Saturday morning. To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask the operator that just made five passes on a green with a hydraulic leak on his mower.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, as a person who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have, and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time. Remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's call the "PRESENT."



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