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A Christmas Poem

THRU THE GREEN

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'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the course
The breeze was not stirring
Not even the Gorse

This night I would be home
With family and friends
Wishing for peace on earth
And good will to all men

The shop was locked and quiet
The equipment neatly put away
Awaiting a day off
That next Christmas Day

The crew would sleep in
On this cold frosty morn
Unless they were woken
By the kids new french horn

The dads and their children
At home they would stay
The golf course would wait
For Power Rangers to play

Most golfers would be home
All cozy and well fed
While dreams of their new clubs
Went round in their heads

And the course superintendent
Would politely take leave
"Be back in an hour, honey
I need to check greens"

Off to the course
Me, with my coffee
What a sight to behold
The course glistening and frosty

The golf course was closed
That cold Christmas Day
But that small group of hackers
Were waiting to play

"It's Christmas Day," I said.
"Merry Christmas to you."
And away they all plodded
Down fairway number two

Christmas is what you make it
With friends by their side
With a bottle of brandy
Down the fairway they stride

And back to the family
Turkey, toys, and football
In the Spirit of the Season
Happy Holidays to all.

My apologies to poet Clement C. Moore for somewhat plagiarizing his wonderful poem, but this was my one chance to become a published poet. (It's great to be the editor!)

In advance, I'd like to thank our great affiliate members for their contributions to this years Christmas Party. We keep going to these folks for contributions to our special events, and they always come through. **Thank you all.** Now, there's another part to this message, and I know you've heard it all before, but it bears repeating. These affiliate contributions are not just charity. These folks donate to our events for recognition, so their support, and better

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And lastly, I very happy holiday season. In our profession, that seems to be so very hectic for most of the year, this season is welcomed as a natural time to slow down and spend some time at home with the family. I guess you could say, stop and smell the poinsettias. Remember, there is more to life than golf.



Happy Holidays
Richard Lavine, CGCS