

**T**he green grass of summer is now dormant, and you're probably starting to take stock of your season, and *plan your vacation!* We hope you were able to accomplish at least one or two of the projects you had lined up. We know there were probably a few drawbacks. People quit, equipment breaks down, and the weather is always a big question mark...and how!

From the internet: from June to July, Randy Zidik, CGCS at Rolling Hills CC, McMurray, Pa., had 1.9 inches of rainfall. While 250 miles to

the south, John Cummings, Berry Hills CC, Charleston, W.Va., had eight inches of July rain.

"This lack of rainfall has been compounded by the fact that we have had numerous sunny days with very low humidity in the area of 30 percent," wrote Zidik.

David Moore reported on-line that more than seven inches of rain had fallen at Thousand Hills

Golf Course & Resort, Branson, Mo., in August, compounded by cloud cover.

"And we are having a very cool August," wrote Moore. "And looking at my radar it will be raining here again in about an hour and it looks like at least another inch [will fall]."

David Fearis, CGCS, Blue Hills CC, Kansas City, said temperatures varied all summer.

"On July 4th it was 78 degrees," wrote Fearis. "However, during the week of June 23-27, it reached 100 degrees three times...I am ready for snow!"

"Like all things, you learn to adapt," wrote Bruce Williams, CGCS, who this year completed a move to Los Angeles Country Club from his long-time digs at Bob O' Link, Highland Park, Ill.

"When I interviewed for the job at LACC it rained all day. I thought that was nice, except for the slowdown of traffic during the rain. Little did I know that the last measurable rain here would be .19-inches in February. They tell me the next

## Was summer all you hoped it would be?



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best chance for rain is in November.

"I do enjoy controlling the water rather than having it control me," wrote Williams, who has wall-to-wall irrigation at LACC.

"Too many times in Chicago we had an 85 percent chance of rain and did not water, only to find a 95 degree day with full sun in place of forecast rain."

We wish Williams well as he nears the end of his first year at LACC.

How's your equipment maintenance program going? Our article on page 25 goes "beyond the nuts and bolts" of equipment, to some basic truths that are becoming more evident as the labor pool continues to drain.

Ken Graves, Desert Princess Country Club and Resort in Cathedral City, Calif., points out that part of management's responsibility is to strive to complete more work in less time. His operation cultivates 400 acres of landscape and golf traffic.

This fall and winter is your time to take a vacation, do some delayed studying, and plan for next year. If you can fit it in, please send us some of your ideas on how you are going to plan ahead for the new year. We'd love to hear from you. **LM**