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## LETTERS FROM READERS

### THE PRESSURE OF THE JOB

Dear Bruce:

Your opinion page article, *The Pressure of the Job*, is an outstanding piece of work. It's about time somebody had the guts to write about a problem that beseeches all executive under high pressure, including golf course superintendents.

Paul Voykin, superintendent  
Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, IL

Dear Bruce:

Enjoyed reading your *The Pressure of the Job* in the April issue. A lot of food for thought.

Your editorial is not too much different from my Presidential Message in our newsletter *Tee to Green*. Keep up the good work.

Patrick Lucas, president

Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association, Inc.,  
Thornwood, NY

*Editor's Note: Mr. Lucas' Presidential Message in the May issue of Tee to Green, the official newsletter of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association, is a valuable piece of advice on coping with some of the results of being under pressure. It appears below to help all of us balance our lives.*

### BALANCING

Balancing—a pretty important concept. To me, it means juggling responsibilities to attain the greatest success and happiness that this life has to offer. Three dictionary definitions fit the word balancing: A means of judgement or deciding, a mental and emotional steadiness, and to bring into harmony or proportion.

*U.S. News and World Report* magazine carried a feature article in its March 23rd issue entitled, "You're Fired! Starting Over: A Survival Guide." This special report covered the present belt-tightening trend of American industry to eliminate staff by firings, job reductions, early retirement, layoffs, voluntary terminations, etc. Two quotes about people who are starting over after coping with job loss stood out.

"After starting over, they seem to enjoy greater flexibility in balancing work with family life."

"Many jobless executives—and managers who fear they may become jobless—are learning in the meantime that the best protection may be to live a more balanced life. A psychologist says executives will depend less on the corporation and seek reinforcement of their self-image through other institutions, such as the family, church and fraternal organizations."

Sometimes it takes calamity to cause us to focus on the really important things in life. To begin balancing one's life may not be easy. Nothing worthwhile ever is. It is becoming a bigger part of my life."

### CORRECTION

In the July 1987 issue, the story on Wembley Stadium failed to mention that the paint, stencils and other field preparation items for Wembley Stadium were selected and shipped to England for the event by Chip Toma, field preparation manager for the National Football League, and his crew (Andre and Scotty) with the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. It was our oversight and not that of Sam Monson of the Vikings.