Dear Carolinas GCSA Member,

Clearly, these are unprecedented times, and while much remains uncertain there are a few things we do know and want to share with you as you head into your weekend.

The Carolinas GCSA is busy working with allied organizations at a regional and national level to protect the interests of our members and golf facilities.

Efforts include direct outreach to the offices of the Governor in North and South Carolina, urging them to allow golf courses to remain open. In the event of any shutdown, we argue that golf course maintenance operations qualify as “essential use.” In California, where such a shutdown is in place, golf courses are allowed 1-4 staff members to “maintain the viability of the asset.”

In other developments, this year’s Rounds4Research auction has been postponed indefinitely.

Your association is part of a major collaborative effort by allied associations and organizations to see that the golf industry comes through this as well it possibly can. It is expected you will receive updates from a national perspective later today. We will also work to keep you informed.

Obviously, there are bigger, more complex, issues than golf right now, but it is important that we all take care of the things we can take care of. And from our perspective, that means the members of the Carolinas GCSA.

To that end, we are undertaking a major review of all operations and creating contingency plans so that we can continue to serve you through this period and be ready when the recovery begins, as rest-assured it will. While our office is closed, staff continues to work from home. Please let us know how we can serve you.

Be safe, be strong, and do what superintendents do best and that is innovate and create solutions, at work and at home.

Sincerely,

Brian Stiehler, CGCS, MG
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