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Well, where the heck did the last two months go?!?! As much as I would love to get away from the peaks and valleys of up and down time throughout the season, there is no denying that we are in a seasonal business. While not the whole province, but certainly on the coast where I am, there is no technical end to the golf season. Perhaps this feeds my desire for a more even keel workload year-round? As I crawl into bed each night lamenting to my wife about the long days & weeks over the past couple months, she is always quick to remind me that it's always this way. The spring and fall are pretty much flat out, but it always settles down outside of those times. As with most things, I know she's right. This too shall pass.

I hope that many of you are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel of a busy spring starting to morph into a more manageable summer workload. Predictions and signs of another tough weather year are no doubt lingering in the back of your mind. Rest assured though that you have the skills to deal with this. The past few seasons have made you battle ready, and experience has been gained along the way. No doubt you've tweaked programs, perhaps made some irrigation renovations, and prepared you and your Team for another potentially tough irrigation season. So far things have been reasonable but remember as you get into the height of the season that, this too shall pass.

I was having a somewhat extensive technical turf text conversation with another superintendent the other day. One of those good ones that gets you thinking deeply about how and why you manage turf. For me I get excitement from these interactions as both of us are improving our skill set through it. The second to last message he sent was this, "Always remember the real reason we do this....". There was a pause after that message and being in mid turf talk my mind was thinking about phrases like "golfer satisfaction" or "sustainability" and then he sent two pictures. Both of his camper set up on a lakeside campground, his kids around the fire, a perfect scene. These stopped my turf thoughts right in their tracks. I thanked him for that reminder and now my chance to remind you that those opportunities to spend time with friends and family, even in the middle of a busy season, yeah, those too shall pass.