Another few weeks and every golf club operating on the budget system will be confronted with many temptations to spend beyond the budget limitations. If the budget is one of those few operated successfully on a monthly basis the crisis will be passed with the committees lashed to the mast and protected from the sirens. With annual budgets, the committees often weaken in the manner of mortals and the end of the season finds urgent demands for more money than can be supplied without going into debt.

Mid-summer is the time when the budget is put to the most severe test and a little reminder of this fact, before the crisis comes, may help to avoid many collapses of worthy budget systems.

Each month we receive the club publications of many of the representative clubs in the United States and Canada. In reading them we are impressed by the effort being made to properly control complaints. The evil of the chronic kicker who broadcasts each of his imaginary or real complaints, or unburdens them on the club employee he holds responsible, is being combated by announcements that all complaints are to be registered with the committee heads held accountable for the operation of the department found at fault.

Many a good employee has had his efficiency completely ruined by the kicker who does not take up his complaints in the proper manner, through the committee heads. The employee is bewildered by an apparent oversupply of bosses. Such club publicity as these house-organs are giving to the subject is certain to result in smoother management.

Now that the winter tournament swing has been completed and prizes of a record total have been divided, many of the professionals are wondering if the campaigning is worth the candle. Even those whose aggregate winnings put them on top for the season have expressed some misgivings as to the strain and risk of the tournament swing being justified by the return.

With constantly increasing prize lists and the urge of the competitive spirit it need not be expected that there will be any dearth of brilliant professional performers to attract a gallery, but in noting the names of the absent stellar professional players the thoughtful student of golf trends may see plenty of evidence of the extension of sound business principles in the professional golfing realm. The man with a good club in the north