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Gardner had sent his crew out and started removing snow cover from the greens with a tractor and a blade.

A superintendent's greatest tool is his/her being able to call on our creative skills when under duress, or we can call our brothers in the business. How do I get rid of 17 inches of slow release water and apply my mercuric chloride? Patience. Yes, that works well, and, forever being the optimist, I'll play the waiting game and see. Besides, the soil wasn't frozen either.

On November 14 the weather started to break, and I consulted with John Wiley of Turf Supply about ordering some Calo-Gran. However, the snow had not yet left. He asked if I had any Blazon left. If I did, why don't I try applying it to the snow at around 4 oz. per gallon of water.

Well, I did all greens with a back pack sprayer, putting in 32 oz. of Blazon with 4 gallons of water and by Monday the snow was gone... not a trace where the colorant was used. It felt good to be able to apply the fungicides.

From what I understand, there was a lot of snow blowing going on and hand shoveling. The megastorm brought out the best in everybody. Rick Fredericksen of Woodhill qualified for his 49er card on a D-3 Cat. Sure makes it easy to move lots of snow when you have the right equipment.

Further, to the southwest where the ice storm really hit hard and power wasn't restored for a couple of weeks, superintendents were using kerosene heaters and renting large generators that operated off of PTO's of tractors to keep clubhouses and maintenance shops heated.

If anyone missed "Nightmare on Halloween," I'm sure they caught Halloween II. It struck on Thanksgiving. Let's see now, what holiday is next?