

President's Message

By Jeff Shafer

With the year rapidly fading away, and the summer stress of growing grass flushed away with that early storm, it is a great time to reflect on the year behind us.

Our association has continued to grow in strength and I extend deep gratitude to those involved. Your Board of Directors (BOD) set out a plan of action this year and they have far surpassed their goals. We saw committees run events from start to finish. Board meetings were moved to 7:00 am starts and everyone came prepared to move quickly and efficiently and therefore most meetings allowed us to be back at work by 11:00 am. Use of e-mail has allowed many topics to be discussed prior to Board Meetings allowing us to shorten the search for answers and resolutions. The budget and subsequent expenses were moved to the top of the priority list. Next year's budget talks already are in full swing and are zero based. SOP's of each event are being established so that future directors can catch up to speed must faster with the inner workings of the association. Participation amongst non-BOD members has increased to assist in all the activities and requirements.



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As president, I was blessed to have many dedicated individuals working toward our goals and I could spend a lifetime expressing my gratitude.

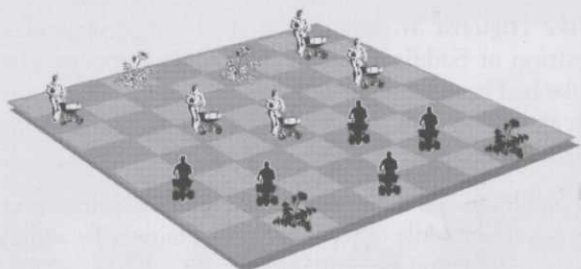
As well as this year has gone from an association standpoint; to reflect on the state of the golf industry for the year 2002 is just the opposite. Any statistical data from 2002, and the later part of 2001, will always be reviewed with an asterisk. I hope that 2003 can start an uphill trend of financial success so that your maintenance requirements are not scaled back even further than they have been.

I wish all of you a safe and glorious holiday season. May this coming holiday and the next year be a period to think of others first. I pray that the world be safe for everyone.

Happy Holidays!



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