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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

PLANNING PRIORITIES

Sure we have to get the course ready for opening day. The debris left behind due to the winter weather gives the course a clean appearance whenever the final load is removed. The mechanic is making sure the mowers are cutting at proper height and with precision. The spraying and fertilizing programs are being put into effect also. While we, as golf course superintendents, are seeing that the present work schedule is being completed by our competent assistant or foreman this allows for some free time for us to do job planning. During budgeting time, the larger major construction projects are prioritized as to what our members feel are most important to our clubs. The decisions then are based on the improvement of playability and the cash flow of our clubs.

The early spring gives us the opportunity to plan our maintenance projects for the next couple of weeks or even months. When on the golf course, take a clip board with you or even a miniature cassette tape recorder and retain a record of things to do. For example, this list will consist of such maintenance as; collapsed drain tiles, broken tree limbs, cart path repairs, building maintenance, bridge repairs, fence mending, areas of turfgrass that are in need of extra maintenance and many more of our everyday necessary improvements. By documenting our maintenance need this will allow us to prioritize the immediate maintenance necessities. By planning our "out of the ordinary" work programs, this will allow for better utilization of the work force. Planning and prioritizing assists our staff in achieving greater work production. This list of special projects should be kept in the superintendent's office, on a blackboard, corkboard, or easel visible to the assistant and foreman. This is just another means of communications which is a tool for getting all the necessary jobs completed.

Len Berg

Dear Len,
 Thank you so much for sending me my card and certificate as an honorary member of the Midwest Association. I love being part of your group and am very grateful to have this honor.

Carol McCue
 Chicago District Golf Association