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## WHAT DOES THE SUPERINTENDENT DO IN THE WINTER?

What Does the Golf Course Superintendent Do in the Winter? What do you say when someone asks you this question? Do you have a ready answer? Probably not. Here are a few things that you might want to say. Maybe you would like to print some cards with this information. If you get asked this question as often as I, you may just want to memorize it.

Many people have the false conception that we do absolutely nothing on the course. It certainly must be a vacation - at least it must be thoroughly enjoyable. Nothing could be further from the truth. OK, then, what does a production superintendent do in the months of December, January, February and March?

Maintenance repairs, overhauling of equipment and sharpening of mowers is only part of the winter schedule. On good days, we even work out on the course on heavy construction work and trimming of trees. Budget work, meeting with the long range planning committee Board of Directors and the grounds committee are just a few of the meetings that we attend. These meetings are necessary to set up next year's purchases and programs. This is also a good time to contact prospective employees for the coming year.

In addition to good planning, the winter months offer time for the superintendent to attend conferences and seminars, thus becoming better qualified and educated in the ever changing field of Turf Management.

The so-called off season is a good time to re-evaluate past programs and course conditions. Searching out better ways of doing the job must be a continued concern of the productive superintendent. The winter months give the superintendent a chance to revitalize himself, his golf course and his profession.

This year, in particular, we are undergoing intensive Pesticide Training and Certification Programs. That, like it or not, will result in proper pesticide control and usage.

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