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President's Message



Ray Schmitz

Another successful golfing season has nearly come to an end. Even though the activities on the golf course are at a slower pace, golf course superintendents are busy at this time of the year preparing their budgets and attending educational seminars offered by the MAGCS and GCSAA.

Preparing a budget for the grounds operation is getting more complex every year. Usually the grounds department budget is closely scrutinized due to the fact that there are large numbers involved and is an easy target for one whose goal is lower operating costs. When preparing a realistic budget, consideration should be taken of the clubs future objectives. If a written explanation is given of each budget category the budget process goes more smoothly and there is less chance for rejection. One of the advantages of preparing a budget, is it gives us Golf Course Superintendents a chance to do our homework and show we are true professionals in the golf course operation. If you are not required to prepare an operating and capital budget at your operation, do it anyway. After all, a budget predicts the cost of doing business. This information is necessary in a successful operation.

During the fall and winter there are many excellent chances to improve our knowledge by attending some of the many clinics, expositions, and seminars available to us. To name a few — The MAGCS Turf Clinic at Medinah C.C. Nov. 18th, and the NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort Nov. 30-Dec. 2nd. A popular GCSAA seminar will be held Nov. 9th and 10th in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and Jan. 4th and 5th at Oak Brook Hills Resort. Also, 54 one or two day seminars are offered at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim, Jan. 23-30th. Education continues to be one of the objectives of the MAGCS, so let us take advantage of these many opportunities.