



Thoughts for Winter's Waning Days

February means the GCSAA conference and show. It might also mean a flooded golf course, if all this December snow is melting. With little-to-no frost in the ground, I'm sure it will also mean that our snow-mold applications will be put to the test. Congratulations to your staff if they have managed to tend to all the snow-plowing without hitting a light pole, building or parked car. Hopefully this issue arrives before your trip; safe travels to and from Dallas and don't forget to attend the annual MAGCS hospitality suite on the 14th and 15th. Not that anyone has forgotten recently; it's the place to be! Thanks in advance to all our vendors who strongly support the room each year and to Paul Yerkes for arranging the details. Good luck to all the MAGCS members who will be teeing it up in San Antonio. How about a repeat of a few years ago, when you brought home all the hardware?

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Good luck as well to Bob Maibusch and Tommy Witt in the upcoming GCSAA election. The time commitment that is required when you serve at that level is mind-boggling. On that note, it's kind of nice when guys like Roger Stewart and Tommy Witt move on to other parts of the country and still maintain a membership in our chapter; just an observation. It's also kind of nice to come home from the conference with all those new ideas and renewed enthusiasm. The job would be so much easier if I could keep my attitude at that level more often.

Now that the holidays have passed and the new Board has a couple meetings under its collective belt, things are beginning to move along. Additionally, several committees have gotten together and plans for the upcoming year are falling into place. At press time, we were still looking for a couple of meeting sites. Contact Mike Mumper if you would be willing to host a golf meeting. Having done it once, I can vouch that it's a great opportunity to bring the talent of your staff together and peak things out for your peers.

February is also the last month that you can be assured of not needing to spend much time outside. There's still an opportunity for a thorough shop clean-up, implementing those new ideas for the upcoming season, researching new products, getting that rinse pad permitted, giving some thought to furthering your staff's skills or taking a day off

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Yearly resolutions are often a promise we make to ourselves, usually of a self-improvement nature. Come on now, we all know what I'm talking about here. How many times have we promised to lose 10 pounds this next year? In our business, my favorite is the perennial, "I promise to play more golf next season. Well, this year for sure!" On my part, this year's resolutions will be to file extensions on last year's resolutions. It's kind of like requesting an extension on our taxes; eventually, resolutions need to be carried out, taxes need to be done. I am obviously having some fun with you all now, and that is just to make my point, which is simply this: let's have some fun! Life is way too short to be worrying about things that in the whole big picture of our lives are really insignificant! Enjoy!

See you all in Dallas.



and spending it with the family. At our own club, we are researching the history of the golf course. I was extremely impressed by the presentations I saw in November by Dave Ward and John Jennings. I thought pursuing this type of project at Bryn Mawr would be interesting and a way to involve some of our veteran members. On that note, the MAGCS will be putting together a bit of a family tree this year. It will be a history/listing of the golf course superintendents who have served at each course. It's a great idea for our anniversary year and none other than Robert Williams planted the seed. Who says that there is nothing as past as a past president?

On that note—see you all in Dallas!



So, this brings me back to my original question. "Why do I do this?" I'm sure everyone has his or her own way of answering that question. I assume I can speak for most of us when I say it's because we all have a passion for and dedication to what we do. This passion and dedication is what makes our industry thrive.

Well, I'd better hop back into the pickup and keep plowing. It's snowing 2" an hour! "Why do I do this?!"



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