



Winter's Work

By Roger Bell



January is one of my favorite months. The snow is fresh and white, and air is clean and crisp, and the snowmobile trails are packed and freshly groomed. I'm into a new fiscal year with a newly-approved budget. The worries of last summer's drought are well behind me and I feel fully confident that the grass out on the course under the fluffy white layer will emerge healthy and green in two or three months.

However, winter, contrary to what some club officials may think, is not a season for a superintendent to sit back and coast. Now is when we have the time and energy to give back to the profession that we work at so hard. Of course, we all want to attain our "per-

sonal best" at our jobs and that certainly is a part of professionalism. Beyond that, though, we can and should work together as a unit to provide a larger and more effective voice for golf course superintendents everywhere. Here's what you can do starting this winter:

Be **involved** with the WGCSA — after all, that is the only organization in our state devoted exclusively to our profession.

Support the O.J. NOER CENTER with dedication, hard work and, most importantly, your checkbook. To date, less than 10 percent of WGCSA members or their employers have donated to this worthy cause. To reach our goal

and make the center a reality, we need everyone's contribution.

Attend the upcoming educational sessions offered with you in mind: the WTA Winter Conference, the GCSAA 60th International Conference and Show in Anaheim, and the many other regional turfgrass shows and conferences. These programs offer the best way to stay current on the latest research and technology.

Winter may be a quiet season on the golf course in Wisconsin — but there is plenty for the golf course superintendent to do. Be involved, support and attend — after all, a superintendent's job is a year-round one.

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