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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Plan for the Worst, Hope for the Best And Be Flexible



Anticipating a poor breakout pass, the speedy forward seizes the opportunity to create a scoring chance. A few nifty pre-planned moves and the forward slips the puck past a startled goalie.

Like this hockey player, most superintendents do this planning during the winter months. We analyze what worked and what didn't and make adjustments in our game plans. We plan for the worst and hope for the best as it relates to our work, but still must be flexible enough to handle any situation.

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For those of you that were able to attend the GCSAA Conference and Show in San Francisco, the spectacle continues to improve every year. The focus of the gathering is still the trade show. There is everything one would ever need to maintain our courses under one roof. The chance to talk with suppliers in person on either upcoming purchases or questions concerning previous sales is very beneficial. The numerous seminar and educational opportunities keeps us on the cutting edge of technology. And the biggest recipient to this conference and show are the golf courses, as we take back what we have learned and apply this to make them a better place to play.

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The MGCSA was honored during the GCSAA Show at the Foundation Reception. We were recognized for our donation of \$10,000 for continuing the research into the Health Hazard Study. We previously presented the GCSAA with the check during our MGCSA Awards Luncheon in December. I would also like to thank Monty Montague for arranging the boat ride in the San Francisco Bay. Attendance was over 200 and every one enjoyed the ride (except for the few that were let off after we returned for more refreshments).

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With warmer temperatures returning, it won't be long before we will be back out on our golf courses. The anticipation of the regrowth and color of the landscapes is what we have been planning for all winter. Let's hope all of our plans will be fulfilled this season without undo stress.

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See everyone in April at Cannon Falls. Don't forget to bring your clubs!

— Kevin Clunis  
President



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