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Well it's almost that time of year again!

Some of you might be at your installation stage already. I hope everybody had their summer maintenance performed (i.e. compressor, condenser).

One piece of equipment that often gets over looked is the heaters. Be sure to have them serviced as well. If you have a sand base it might easier to start your installation first and then service your heaters and other over the ice equipment after a few floods have been put down. It's easier to move your ladders around on ice versus sand. However, be sure to get your overhead servicing finished before applying your white paint. Most of you already know that if you have to touch up your white base it will look like a patchwork and you will have to look at it all season long.

Dehumidifiers need servicing as well, as the last thing you need is to find out it's not working properly when your members start curling. I like to start-up mine the day I turn on the compressor.

One more thought, have your ribbon or yarn on hand before the day you need it. The last thing you want is to have to go and get more when you need it now. Better to have extra on hand than try to find the same colour of yarn. Murphy's Law dictates you won't find any.

Wishing everyone a good season and that your members keep their knees off the ice.

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