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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Now, this is the law of the jungle--as old and as true as the sky: and the wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the wolf that shall break it must die. As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk, the law runneth forward and back. For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack!

As most of us know, our "Poet Laureat", Ken Zanzig, is not the author of these line, but it is the opening of Rudyard Kipling's "The Law of the Jungle" and I cannot think of a better way to describe my thoughts on the role of the members in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. To have a strong and effective association, we must work together and have an awareness of the fact that if we help the MAGCS, the MAGCS can help us!!

I'm sure that in many of the clubs in the area, most members know the names of the lockerman and the bartenders, but aren't quite sure just who the superintendent is. We are in a lot of respects like Jackson, Sorey, Albrecht, Neal and Lick, about the only time their names are mentioned in the paper is when they are caught holding. The superintendent's name is usually bantered around the lockerroom and the bar--when there is something less than perfect on the course!

To be sure, I know of no positive "cure all" for this, but, if we are going to get any recognition, it will have to come from a well planned and just as well organized effort. What, you may say, is to be gained ... if we are to get the recognition we deserve. Hopefully, more money! There is little doubt that most managers and pros are making a better living out of golf than the superintendent at their club. The superintendent's efforts to provide an enjoyable time on the course is a much more necessary factor than any other phase of the operation, and he should be rewarded in proportion. He will never win in a popularity contest that includes the manager and pro, but he should at least get a fair share of the pie. We as an association have to make that happen!

Soon it will be time to seek names to man the booth at the flower show. This is one of the events that can benefit both the association and the members by participating. So get involved--you will like it!

This may come as a surprise to some, but these messages do not come down from a mountain chiseled in tablets of stone. So if anyone disagrees with the contents, thoughts, or as little as a sentence in these messages, I am sure Ray will give you equal space to express your view in the **Bull Sheet**.

**Robert Breen**