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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time honors all. It's a busy world and sometimes we forget about some of the nice things that are going on around us. We get so darn busy with everyday agendas that we fail to notice what some of our friends are doing. It's nice to have friends and it's great being in a profession where a variety of people can get together so often. We get together, compare notes, argue, bawl each other out, and slap each other on the back.

It's about time we bring an old friend to the front and slap him on the back. Since 1972 ... our friend Ray Gerber has been toiling with the monthly periodical, **The Bull Sheet**. Our editor has received many awards for his work; yet sometimes it is a thankless job. All those trips to board meetings, educational symposiums, visiting golf courses, taking pictures with that old, reliable camera, and taking notes, mean a lot of work and organizing of research for all to read. Ray has asked for help many times, but usually it's still Ray that ends up spending that last weekend putting the final touches on the **Bull Sheet** so the deadline can be met. Have you noticed that the **Bull Sheet** is sent out by first class mail? Ray says, "First class material should be sent out in a first class way." Have you noticed that feature articles, solicited by Ray Gerber, appear each month to keep our publication first class and worthwhile. Have you noticed that advertising, solicited by Ray Gerber, appears each month to keep us going. Sure, advertising is a mutual benefit, but it's necessary to keep our publication first class and on its feet.

I can't give Ray much. I can be his friend by giving him encouragement. As a MAGCS member, I can report a few newsworthy items. Ray gave us a bit of a scare last month when he got unusually sick and had some surgery. So I sent him a get-well card. That's not much, is it? So I hope that the following proposal will help Ray and point out to all readers that his years of work really have been appreciated by some pretty important people: his friends.

The idea came from Carl Landgrebe and Joe Williamson. They would like to see an Annual Ray Gerber Award presented to the best feature article or editorial written for the **Bull Sheet** by a golf course superintendent. This idea will be put into action by an appointed committee of Len Berg, Mike Bavier, and Bruce Williams. Their format for the competition will be spelled out in the **Bull Sheet** and a presentation for the single best article will be awarded at the Annual MAGCS Turf Clinic in November. The Turf Clinic provides the best forum for recognition of achievement. Congratulations, Ray!

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