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**President's Message**

During the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to represent the MAGCS in meetings with some of our allied associations in golf. This is a duty of the President of the MAGCS, and one I have looked forward to. I guess I wanted to find out for myself just how much integrity our profession has with those other allied associations. I must say I was pleased to find out that the level of respect we receive is very high and we are considered an important contributing force to this game. Everyone is always concerned about the recognition our profession receives or doesn't receive. It is good to know that we are held in high regard by other professions in the game of golf but can we afford to rest on our laurels? The answer of course is no. How many of our members ask themselves what it is that gets us the recognition we receive? The typical response is the way in which each individual conducts himself as a professional. Why is it then that we still see some of our members attend our monthly **professional** meetings dressed in shirts with sweaters or shirts with no ties and no jackets? Why is it that we still have people who don't pay their dues until the first meeting with a golf event comes along? Why is it that perfectly capable members of our **professional** organization can't contribute to their own **professional** newsletter? Thank goodness the majority of the MAGCS membership **does not** conduct itself in the described above. But what about those who do? What effect does this have on us as far as how we are perceived in the overall scheme of things in the game of golf? I suppose you will always have the non-conformist and some say that a few non-conformists are good for the health of the association. My only question is, if improving their professional image and their professional ability is not the driving force for them to belong our organization, what the heck are they members for? I guess there are some things this Scotch/Irishman will never understand.

Well, enough of the sour tasting things and on the brighter side. It was mentioned at the March meeting that the MAGCS is going to be purchasing a computer in the near future. The Board of Directors has spent much time going over the pros and cons of this purchase for the last two years. We have concluded that our association has grown so much in number and activity that we find we now need a much more efficient means of monitoring the day to day happenings of MAGCS. We have arrived at only one solution, purchase a computer. Our record keeping and financial bookkeeping methods will be far superior to those now in use. We also have managed our finances much closer in the past few years so the association can remain as it is, on firm financial ground. I have mentioned how much our association is growing and we must be prepared to meet the needs of that growth now and in the future.

See you at the next meeting with your coat and tie!

**Roger Stewart, CGCS**



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