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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the MAGCS Board of Directors, I would like to wish each member of our fine association the very best for the coming year. One of the worst weather seasons is behind us and I'm sure we are all taking advantage of the respite that this winter season has provided us. Last summer hardly provided much time to stop and smell the roses, so do yourself a favor and use this time in the off-season to get reacquainted with your family and maybe do some things that you really enjoy. Next season will be here before you know it!

Once again our Midwest Turf Clinic was a big success. The attendance at the NCTE was higher than ever with over 900 registered for the three days! The MAGCS is proud to have contributed to the success of this worthwhile educational program. We participate in the NCTE with our Midwest Turf Clinic to support turf research at the U. of I. The proceeds from registration at the NCTE are a big fund raiser for the ITF. That's why I was surprised to hear that some of our speakers requested and received a refund of their registration fee because they were listed on the program. I'm sure that they didn't realize that this is the way ITF makes money and that it was most assuredly an oversight on their part. No doubt, whoever it was, returned the registration fee to their club in keeping with the professional image that they maintain.

Speaking of education, I hope our membership will take advantage of any vacancies or cancellations at the GCSAA seminar on "Diseases of Turf" with Dr. Houston Couch, at Pheasant Run on January 10-11. This is a good opportunity to attend two seminars this year, one at Pheasant Run and one in Las Vegas. What better way to gain knowledge, improve yourself, or just shake the cobwebs off? If you can't make it to Las Vegas, do yourself and your club a favor and go to this valuable seminar this month.

What about your key employees? How many of us send our assistant, our mechanic, our cart man, or for that matter any of our year-round help, to educational seminars? Doesn't that make sense that if your help is better educated and more knowledgeable they will do a better job and be an even bigger asset to your club. Sometimes I don't think clubs realize how important this is. There are educational opportunities out there for all your employees and your club would find it mutually beneficial to make those opportunities available to them.

I hope all our members are able to go the GCSAA conference and show in Las Vegas. It is going to be another great conference (just look at all the MAGCS members on the program). Good luck to our golf team at the GCSAA tournament, and good luck to the next GCSAA Vice President, Paul Boizelle. See you at the "Midwest Room."

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