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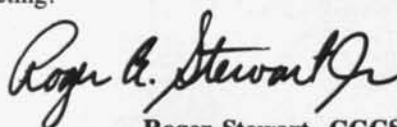
President's Message

The golfing season is winding down and most of us are getting reacquainted with our families. Anyone who works in this business knows how invaluable the support of the family can be throughout the season when there never seems to be enough time to spend with them. For most of us, things like family vacations, weekend camping trips, and just plain "family time", can be difficult things to accomplish during the growing season. Most of us work seven days a week often mounting up 60-70 hours at the golf course. This schedule can put a strain on anyone's family life. You have to give the wives a lot of credit for handling the day to day family responsibilities during the time of the year when our jobs require so much of our attention. Some people say the strongest family bonds are built from situations just like the ones Golf Course Superintendents are faced with. I know I speak for all MAGCS members when I say THANK YOU to all MAGCS families for their support and understanding during the past season. Now is the time to strengthen those ties with your wife and children and make the best use of your "family time" in the off-season.

I hope you are all making plans to attend the annual meeting and election next month. If there is one thing about the MAGCS that has always baffled me, it is the poor attendance at our annual meeting. I've always felt that this meeting should be the meeting that generates the most interest among our members. This is the meeting where your opinions can be heard and the future plans for **YOUR** professional organization are formed. The election of Officers and Directors is as important a responsibility as any for **EACH AND EVERY MEMBER**. Don't be ambivalent and benign about such an important facet of **YOUR** association. If you are a voting member, you own it to yourself, your fellow superintendents, and your profession to participate in the events which will shape, form and guide MAGCS in the future. **BE THERE!**

A special thanks to the golf committee for running some great events this year. I hope everyone takes the time and makes the effort to obtain an official handicap next year. It is a free service provided by the CDGA to all MAGCS members. If you were not aware of that or have questions, talk to the Golf Committee Chairman and he can get you registered.

The best of the fall season to you all and we will see you next month at the annual meeting.


Roger Stewart, CGCS



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