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President's Message

The Chicago District Golf Foundation and the University of Illinois have recently joined forces to provide Chicago area golf clubs with another valuable tool in maintaining the finest golf turf in the country. Preliminary proposals for funding a Turf-grass Specialist for golf courses in Chicago were recently approved by the CDGF board. The person who would be hired for this position would coordinate research being done on Chicago golf courses by the U of I and also be available to local superintendents to help solve unusual problems that develop during the season. This idea was the product of a number of meetings of the CDGF-Turfgrass Research Advisory Committee which is composed of several area golf course superintendents. Carl Hophan of Evanston Golf Club, the chairman of CDGF-TRAC, has been most instrumental in bringing this idea to reality. The MAGCS owes Carl and his committee a big "THANK YOU" for all the time and effort they have put into this project. Of course many thanks to CDGF and CDGA Executive Director Dennis Davenport who are responsible for so much of what golf is in Chicago today. The CDGA and MAGCS has a strong relationship that we hope grows and matures even more in the future.

Make your plans now to attend the ITF Golf Day at Itasca Country Club on September 24. Get your greens committee, owners, pros, managers together and form your foursome to support turfgrass research. This is a good opportunity for people from your club to meet and talk with the people from the U of I. There was a very good turnout of MAGCS members at the Turf Field Days in Champaign. This shows the interest in the research at the U of I is growing more each year. If you couldn't make it this year, plan to attend next year.

I hope by the time you read this I will have gotten some rain to green up my roughs and give my irrigation system a rest. It has been a strange year for precipitation with areas getting some rainfall and a mile or two away areas never got a drop. It may not have been as hot as 83' but it has been every bit as dry. I hope you were one of the lucky ones that got sufficient rain, but if you weren't, sit back and enjoy the coming fall season with the rest of us. You deserve it!



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