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President's Message

I had a very nice visit with Mr. Jim Lathum from the U.S.G.A. when he stopped by my club recently. As we toured Briar Ridge Country Club, we discussed the various problems Jim has seen this year in his travels. It is no secret that we all suffered through the month of July with little or no rain. Un-watered areas on our golf courses are burned out and lake levels are going down. The first of August brought to the south side of Chicago a nice rain of around 1.5 inches, depending on your location. With a couple of very cool evenings, those burned out areas started coming back very strong.

I sure hate to beat a dead horse, but I can't help but bring up the new mid-year conference planned for Indianapolis again. I have personally received four invitations to play in the golf day planned for Crooked Stick Country Club and I have received three mailings dealing with registration for the conference. Could the GCSAA be having some problems getting attendees for the conference and golf day? If not, why spend the extra money for postage to keep mailing conference literature? If so, maybe this is a one time fling that our national directors will evaluate upon completion and decide what the MAGCS said back in February. "Let's improve on our national conference and show and perfect it before branching out and starting something new."

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Oscar Miles, Superintendent at Butler National Golf Club. He had Butler in what Corey Pavin termed, "near perfect". I had the pleasure of attending the Western Open on Thursday and would concur with Mr. Pavin. The whole course was immaculate. A job well done, Oscar Miles.

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