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**President's Message**

Believe it or not, we have only about four weeks of hot summer weather remaining for this season. Within the next month, we will be planning and preparing for our fall projects once again. It was really nice to have a week of cool weather in mid-July to break up the string of 90° plus days. The first two weeks in July provided excellent pythium weather. I hope the dog days of August are cool enough to prevent turf loss and prevent us from losing our sanity.

If you are looking to get away from the golf course for a day, or want to gain some valuable information on turfgrass research, try to attend the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Field Day on Thursday, August 6. The University of Illinois presents to all the professionals in the turfgrass industry a half-day tour of the turf plots and on-going research. The presentation includes current research and continuing studies on herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, growth regulators, cultivar evaluations, and management studies. By attending the field day we show our support for the University of Illinois. We also receive a tremendous amount of valuable information from researchers and cohorts in the industry. I would hope to see more superintendents from the Chicago area attend the field day this year than has been the case in past years.

The July 14th meeting at the Village Greens of Woodridge was very well attended with 93 golfers and 120 for dinner. The weather was absolutely perfect for mid-July and the golf course was in excellent condition considering the summer heat and drought stress. I want to thank Len Berg and all the friendly people on staff there for their hospitality and a very enjoyable day. The next M.A.G.C.S. meeting will be at Turnberry Country Club on August 24. I hope many members of the association can attend this meeting and enjoy the golf course and the newly remodeled clubhouse.

M.A.G.C.S. will be having a hospitality tent set up at the Western Open at Butler National Golf Club. The dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 21, 22, and 23. The tent will be open from 11 to 3 with each day being split into two, two-hour shifts. Each session will have a Midwest director in attendance plus one or more volunteer members. We will again be passing out pamphlets and any other information on the profession of golf course superintendent. If anyone has any ideas for appropriate displays in the tent or would like to help, please contact me or Mike Nass as soon as possible. We want to make this years tent a success.

Finally, the nominating committee, chaired this year by Dave Behrman, is looking for a few good men to become candidates to run for M.A.G.C.S. director. We feel the present board is very strong. But as directors move up the ladder and finish their tenure on the board, the vacancies that remain must be filled with good quality candidates. We are looking for Class A superintendents who attend meetings regularly, have helped on a particular committee, or who show a willingness to become involved in the activities and functions of M.A.G.C.S. If you or someone you know is interested in helping M.A.G.C.S. continue to progress forward, contact Dave Behrman as soon as possible.

**James E. Evans**