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President's Message

Like a bad nightmare, 1987 will be a year that is locked tight into everyone's memory. The winter of no snow, the spring with little rainfall, the summer of extreme heat, humidity, drought, and then record rainfall in August. O'Hare Airport officially recorded 17.5 inches of rain in August, the wettest month in history. Many area courses received a minimum of 12 inches. There are some courses closed for the year, and many that required major reseeding and sodding in preparation for the 1988 season. Hopefully, the remaining weather in October and November will allow all of us to complete our fall projects before the snow flies. I think everyone is looking forward to a long winter of fun and relaxation.

The heavy rainfall seriously affected the Western Open at Butler National. Tournament officials were forced to re-route 9 holes to the Oak Brook Municipal Course. In doing so, the M.A.G.C.S. tent located by the non-playable holes, was not near the main flow of golf spectator traffic. Due to these circumstances, we decided to close the tent. We were very disappointed, after considering all the work and preparation for the tent. Oscar Miles has been kind enough to invite the M.A.G.C.S. back to Butler again next year. We want to thank Oscar for all of his time and effort in preparing the tent and facilities for the M.A.G.C.S. We also must thank Warren Bidwell and Tee-to-Green Corporation for being co-sponsors in the tent. Tee-to Green Corp. and M.A.G.C.S. have donated \$750.00 to W.G.A. and the Evans Scholars, and \$250.00 to G.C.S.A.A. Scholarship and Research Fund, in lieu of the money donated and allotted for the 1987 tent. We appreciate the willingness of all volunteers that signed up to man the tent during the three days of the Open. We hope for the W.G.A. and Oscar Miles that next year will bring favorable weather to the Western Open and another M.A.G.C.S. Hospitality Tent.

Try to keep Friday night, October 23rd open on your schedules. M.A.G.C.S proudly announces the Fall Dinner Dance to be held at Riverside Golf Club. The Board of Directors has decided to have the fall dinner dance in lieu of the Fall Picnic this year. This is due to the response of many M.A.G.C.S. members stating they had missed the dinner dance the past few years. This is 'the' social event of the year for M.A.G.C.S. members and their spouses. The purpose is to get together after a long golf season and share an evening of fine food and spirits, a chance to socialize a bit, maybe cry on each other's shoulders a little, and just plain have fun. Hope to see many of you there, and don't forget to bring your best girl. James E. Evans