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President's Message

April is a month of frenzied activity for golf course superintendents. Not only do the normal maintenance activities have to occur but also clean-up from the ravages of winter and the possibility of having to finish projects that were started last fall, add to the endless list.

It is also the first scheduled golf event of the season for MAGCS. I would like to take this time to remind everyone that many of the clubs we visit have dress codes for their members. We as invited guests are expected to conform to these rules. At most clubs the very minimum requirement is slacks and a sport coat. There are some meetings where special circumstances dictate more casual attire and some clubs may request a tie as well as a coat. Meetings with special requirements will be noted on the announcement card sent out prior to each meeting date.

In February MAGCS participated in the Chicagoland Flower and Garden show at the Rosemont Expo Center. Due to unusual circumstances this was put together rather quickly but it still met with some success. In addition to manning an informational booth on home lawn maintenance, we were also co-sponsors of a charity miniature golf hole. Participants, for a few of two dollars got three chances to make an uphill putt of approximately thirty feet. A successful effort was rewarded with a fifty dollar gift certificate to a local restaurant. All participants were given a ten dollar gift certificate. All proceeds were donated to the American Heart Association in our name along with two other co-sponsors.

Our efforts in this endeavor cost us nothing except the time put in by our members. Those that participated felt we achieved a lot of good publicity. It was felt that with some more advanced notice in the future we could do a much better job and make this a real plus for the Association.

One final note on the flower show. One of the most interesting comments I received was from a lady guest. She told us that the superintendent from her club was the best in the world. Bruce Serling (sic) Sering from the Glenview Club. I guess she just had Bruce mixed up with Rod Serling from the Twilight Zone; a common mistake.