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President's Message

As the old saying goes — if you don't like the weather in Chicago, just wait a minute and it will change. It may have been a little more than a minute since I wrote about the floods of the last few years but it hasn't been very long. Now as I write we're mired in a drought that is becoming a serious threat to our agricultural crops and is taking its toll on golf courses as well. Some courses that rely on city water to fill their irrigation ponds have already had their spigots turned off by local governments. This summer is already proving to be a real test of character not to mention our irrigation systems. Unfortunately the way things work around here, if it ever does rain again it probably won't stop for a month. Mother Nature just doesn't play fair.

On another note the second annual superintendent-pro tournament was held June 2 at Turnberry Country Club. From the feed-back I have received, most people seemed to enjoy the event and the format. I still feel that to be truly successful as a way to bring the two organizations closer together it has to be run as more of a joint event as opposed to it being a straight PGA operation. I am forwarding my thoughts on this to the PGA and welcome comments from anyone else that might have thoughts on how to improve this event in the future.

Coming up at the end of July will be the John Deere Superintendent —Pro —Club official regional tournament. The event for this year has been vastly improved over last year's and it will also help us raise some money for research. Twenty percent of this year's entry fee will be donated to the MAGCS and earmarked for education and research. Details on the event will be coming straight from John Deere. As a reminder the date will be July 25 at Elgin C.C.

Lastly for those of you who were unable to attend the June meeting at Lakeshore C.C. you missed a very special day. Adolph Bertucci who claims to be retiring at the end of this season received many well-deserved accolades from the members at Lakeshore including an all-expenses paid trip for him and his wife for sixteen days to Italy. I'm sure he'll visit all the golf courses over there.

Please remember that the July meeting is our annual seniors appreciation day and cook-out and it would be nice to see a large turnout for this meeting.