



Director's Column

by Roger A. Stewart, Jr., CGCS

To the best of my knowledge, I have served on the MAGCS Board of Directors since 1980. This is my last year. I have found it to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. The MAGCS has made significant strides during those years which have brought us to a beginning of an era that has great promise for our association. I am proud to have had a hand in directing MAGCS to this point. It started with the tremendous foresight and vision of people like Pete Leuzinger and Len Berg, and was carried through by people like Dave Behrman and Jim Evans. Dave Meyer's long term as Secretary/Treasurer kept the affairs of our association on course through the roughest waters. I thank all these people and all the many people who served in other capacities on the Board of Directors and Committees during my tenure in office. Your association owes all of you a debt of gratitude.

I have decided to leave the Board this year to pursue other association activities with the Chicagoland and to allow some very capable people coming up through the Board an opportunity to pursue some of the same goals I had some nine years ago. I hope that when you read this, the proposed bylaw changes have been enacted because we need to be able to give the Officers of this association an opportunity to serve more than one year to see their programs through to fruition. I don't know at this time if a dues increase will be voted on at this time or not. Either way, I think it is necessary in order for MAGCS to continue to grow. We need to take a more active roll in supporting turf research both locally and nationally. We need to improve our own education programs with more innovative approaches to providing these services for our members. We need to improve our golf events with better prizes and more member oriented prizes such as shirts, sweaters, jewelry, golf equipment, etc. with our logo to promote MAGCS and the Golf Course Superintendent whenever possible. Personally, I would like to see a Sterling Silver Cup awarded to our Champion as a traveling trophy with an appropriate listing of all the past champions. Corresponding lesser cups should be awarded to winners in the flights and they should be of caliber similar to the Championship cup that the winner would be able to keep. I think the Championship Trophy should be called the "Midwest Cup" or other appropriate title. We also could stand to institute team competition on a limited scale using handicaps throughout the season.

In order for all this to happen we will have to expand our administrative end of MAGCS. We need to expand the responsibilities and scope of our Executive Secretary's position to take over more of the administrative duties now performed by members of Board for more efficient operation over all. This will all cost more money this is true, but the benefits each member would receive would more than offset the expense.

On a closing comment, I would hope each and every member of MAGCS would consider running for election to the Board of Directors of MAGCS. These are very progressive and exciting times for our association. Don't sit back and let them pass you by, participate in whatever way you can and participate in the future of MAGCS. Good luck to the upcoming Board members and thanks again to all the MAGCS members who have supported me over the past nine years. Who knows I might be sometime in the future!

"The Perception"

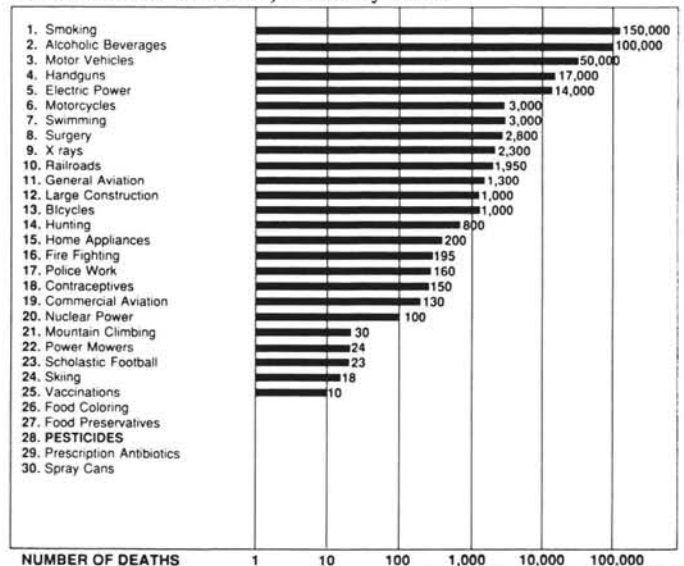
How Three Groups Perceive the Significance of Pesticides as a Cause of Death

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS	COLLEGE STUDENTS	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB MEMBERS
1. Nuclear power	1. Nuclear power	1. Handguns
2. Motor vehicles	2. Handguns	2. Motorcycles
3. Handguns	3. Smoking	3. Motor Vehicles
4. Smoking	4. PESTICIDES	4. Smoking
5. Motorcycles	5. Motor Vehicles	5. Alcoholic Beverages
6. Alcoholic Beverages	6. Motorcycles	6. Fire Fighting
7. General Aviation	7. Alcoholic Beverages	7. Police Work
8. Police work	8. Police Work	8. Nuclear Power
9. PESTICIDES	9. Contraceptives	9. Surgery
10. Surgery	10. Fire Fighting	10. Hunting
11. Fire Fighting	11. Surgery	11. General Aviation
12. Large Construction	12. Food Preservatives	12. Mountain Climbing
13. Hunting	13. Spray Cans	13. Large Construction
14. Spray Cans	14. Large Construction	14. Bicycles
15. Mountain Climbing	15. General Aviation	15. PESTICIDES
16. Bicycles	16. Commercial Aviation	16. Skiing
17. Commercial Aviation	17. X-rays	17. Swimming
18. Electric Power	18. Hunting	18. Commercial Aviation
19. Swimming	19. Electric Power	19. Electric Power
20. Contraceptives	20. Food Coloring	20. Railroads
21. Skiing	21. Prescription Antibiotics	21. Scholastic Football
22. X-rays	22. Mountain Climbing	22. Contraceptives
23. Scholastic Football	23. Railroads	23. Spray Cans
24. Railroads	24. Bicycles	24. X-rays
25. Food Preservatives	25. Skiing	25. Power Mowers
26. Food coloring	26. Scholastic Football	26. Prescription Antibiotics
27. Power Mowers	27. Home Appliances	27. Home Appliances
28. Prescription Antibiotics	28. Power Mowers	28. Food Preservatives
29. Home Appliances	29. Vaccinations	29. Vaccinations
30. Vaccinations	30. Swimming	30. Food Coloring

Mortality rate due to pesticides is not the problem most people perceive it to be. (Information contained in the February, 1982 issue of Scientific American magazine.)

"The Reality"

Actual Numbers of Deaths, Ranked by Cause



Credit: Scientific American, February 1982