

at the cost you are currently paying. Thanks to Dennis and all of our great sponsors.

Several members responded that they were pleased to see a greater involvement in the association by more of our members. As your President, I have put a large emphasis on member involvement in our committee system. Each committee is now made up of a handful of members that do not serve on the board of our association. Each committee is chaired by one of our board members. The committees have met on several occasions giving direction to the MAGCS Board of Directors. We have established a broader base for running our association. At the same time we are able to develop other individuals for leadership roles in the association. This is very important when it comes to election time each year.

Due to the limitation of space a survey can only ask so many questions. Several members asked if we could include specific questions about fungicide & fertility programs in the future. I feel that the appropriate vehicle for the collection and dissemination of that information should be the new bulletin board service "Turftalk" which is being developed by Russ Fink, Supt. at Tamarack Golf Club. While it is hard to compare budgets of clubs, likewise it is difficult to compare fertility or fungicide programs. By submitting information to "Turftalk", each individual could pick and choose the data he requires for comparison. In this way you can compare courses in your own geographic location, club type (public or private), and level of conditioning required.

The level of education offerings is at an all-time high for the MAGCS. Don Cross has worked diligently with Joel Purpur to provide superb speakers and seminars for our association. Our survey showed that the members recognize the importance of our educational sessions. We know that it is difficult to have a full hour of speakers during the stress months so we have modified our speaker schedule and are offering a beefed-up educational offering in the off-season. I am confident that Don and Joel will continue to bring us a high quality educational program throughout the year.

The most gratifying portion of the comments from our survey was the positive criticism and kind compliments offered by our members. The following terms come to mind: "excellent association", "I'm proud to be a member", "great organization", "keep up the good work", "very nicely done", and "super association". Your board appreciates all of the comments that we received. We hear you loud and clear.

"Summer Specials"

Western Open — U. S. Open — hard to beat,
June's De Luxe Golfing Treat.
Oh Yes, Dudley Smith had a Big Surprise,
Friend's helped punch 60 between the eyes.
As Fourth of July Skyrockets fill the air,
July Greets Us with It's usual Flare.
Soon August will add It's Summer Appeal,
Need a Vacation? How do You feel?
What a challenge each Summer provides,
Reassuring, "There is no free ride."

Kenneth R. Zanzig

Director's Column



It's hard to believe that after a couple more weeks of "The Dog Days", it should be smooth sailing and another season under our belts. Hopefully everyone took some time to smell the roses.

I think our profession of Golf Course Management has a great future because of the increasing number of courses with a shortage of turf graduates. I remember seeing about ten openings for assistants last spring. Even though the demands and standards for golf course maintenance are very high, salaries are also on the increase.

It's already been almost three years since coming to River Forest Country club where Ed Stewart retired after being Superintendent for over 35 years! I feel extremely lucky with my situation here. I've seen situations similar to mine where either the retiring Super won't let go of the reins, or won't give any input what so ever. Ed and Gene Stewart only give good constructive criticism. I can tell when it's coming when Ed says, "Just a suggestion...", or "Question?". Ed and Gene will be moving this year to Lake Wildwood, down around Peoria.

Ed was President of the MAGCS for two years in the late 50's, and also ran for office of the GCSAA. Myself and the MAGCS wishes the Stewarts the best of luck, you'll be greatly missed.

**Joel Purpur, Supt.
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Gene and Ed Stewart