

## Supplier Contributions

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Your suppliers are business people with an interest in the golf industry. They are people who have invested their time, talents, and financial resources into a business venture that will provide a product or service that meets the needs of the golf course superintendent. They work hard to establish business relationships that emphasize cooperation between their customers and their companies. This business relationship is of mutual benefit to us all.

One of the costs and opportunities of doing business is the ability to support the various professional organizations that collectively patronize our businesses. Most of us have chosen to become members of MAGCS because this organization represents the "best" of the golf and turf industry. We have the greatest respect and admiration for the superintendents capabilities and responsibilities. We are also proud of our role in helping them to be better at their jobs.

Suppliers contribute to this organization in many ways. In time and talents, we attend monthly meetings, offer our insights on matters of discussion, help to provide educational speakers on topics of interest to the membership, and serve on various committees. Financially, we pay our dues and our expenses at the monthly meetings. We contributed over \$14,000.00 last year to sponsor the hospitality room at the national superintendents convention in Orlando, an after dinner open bar at the fall dance, and lunches and hors d'oeuvres at most of the summer golf meetings. We also support other related associations that directly interact with the MAGCS, like the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and Chicago District Golf Association.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents would not exist as it is today without the contributions of its suppliers. We are an integral and essential part of this organization. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you.



*A tired White Water camper — Dave Bomquist*

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