

Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents 1990 Membership Survey Results — Comments

- I think there should be more to promote local superintendents for new jobs instead of as many out of state superintendents getting local jobs.
- Please **print the price** of the meeting before the meeting happens.
- Overall, I think the Midwest is an excellent Association. I have met many fine people and learned a great deal. Unfortunately, at my stage in my career, I don't get to as many meetings as I would like. I did however find time to speak at a Midwest clinic in the past year, and was thankful for the opportunity. One small problem I see is that people who have not been involved (i.e., as a director, etc.) have a difficult time becoming involved. In the past couple years, I have seen people from the floor nominated and elected instead of new people seeking their first office being elected. The people from "the floor" are some of the same people who have held office before. That is discouraging for someone who has been encouraged to seek office and "become involved."
- Just a short note in reference to letting it all hang out as stated in survey question #44. I feel the MAGCS is a **great organization** and that there is a lot of great people in our organization. However, what really frustrated me the past couple of year is to go through job interviews and feel I did well only to find that another fellow with **no superintendent** experience has once again beaten me out. I've been a superintendent over 10 years, have a good track record and take a lot of pride in my work. What drives me nuts is that 100% of the time the other guy got the job because of who he knew or because he was from a C.C. and somebody knew somebody else. I look forward to the day when a superintendent is hired for **what he knows** and **how well he does his job** instead of being part of a cliché or how many people he knows. In the meantime, I'll continue to bust my rear wherever I'm at because I know my best advertisement is the condition of my own course, and because I love what I do. I appreciate the chance to blow off some steam.
- Let's not get too fancy. Remember we are only a GCSAA chapter. Problems with sites for golfing season meetings:
 - Too many peddlers or free loaders.
 - Too large a group.
- Many clubs do not want to open on Mondays or require up to \$7,500 up front to open the door. On other days, the memberships do not want to give up their golf course.
- More questions:
 - What other benefits do superintendents receive?
 - More specific salary levels.
 - How many rounds does your club get?
 - How many days a week do you work? Hours?
- Keep golf meetings fun, simple, cheap (reasonable).
- Change the name of the **Bull Sheet** so we can be recognized at the National Convention!
- Question #9 should ask whether the club provides a pension plan. Also include benefits such as:
 - What type of vehicle?
 - Clothing?
 - Housing?
 - Pd. family health & dental?

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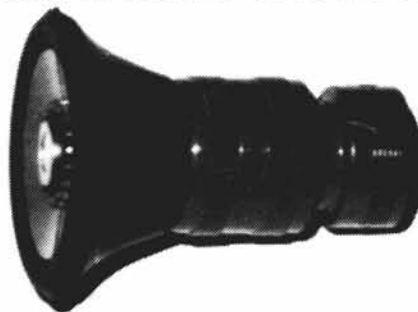
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- In all, very nicely done, congratulations ...
- I would like to see other superintendent's schedules of fertilizer & fungus applications (yearly plans). This could be done anonymously.
- I think your questionnaire is something long overdue for the MAGCS. Your questions were to the point and very useful in gathering data. I was also glad to see so many questions devoted to education! The Midwest can go nowhere but up in the next years to come.
- Video Library, Spanish class and operational training classes are **SUPER** ideas. Hope MAGCS reviews Flower Show participation. My vote — forget it!
- Members who only attend golf meetings need to contribute a little more to non-golf meetings.
- Students should have a student membership rate!
- With the availability of the GCSAA library, I feel a MAGCS library is not needed at this time.
- I enjoy hearing our fellow superintendents speak more than anything. It's fun to compare and learn from someone that does what I/You do.
- I appreciate an opportunity to participate in a survey of this sort. I think that the MAGCS is a super association that is quite beneficial to many maintenance operations. I need to be associated with private clubs with similar operations such as mine. My board of directors is participating in various CDGA functions and it is encouraging to me that they do so. Because we are so far away from the "action" we haven't hosted a monthly meeting, but between my brothers at the Arsenal Golf Club and the superintendents at Crow Valley and Davenport Country Club, both in Iowa, we hope that we can put together a combined association meeting. Perhaps after the riverboat gambling is started up on the Mississippi River and we have an added attraction for fun and fellowship. Keep up the good work!
- I applaud the MAGCS on getting input from the membership. I've always felt that many of the decisions as to the direction and operation of the organization was decided by a very select group of individuals and hope the information will be used in a positive manner. I have been a member of the MAGCS for 8 years and am interested in seeing it continue to develop. The following are areas in which I have comments:

The educational sessions at meetings have been minimal during the golf season and I think that is fine. I pick up a fair amount of information from other superintendents, and after golf and dinner, a 30-45 min. speaker is the last thing I want to hear when I have a 1/2 hour drive home. Keep our educational sessions for the winter when time is not as much of a factor.

Meeting locations for golf have gone progressively downhill as far as the quality of golf courses in the past few years. If cost is a factor, perhaps we need to begin paying what is needed to cover the costs at a private club. Also, Mondays are not the only day that we need to have meetings on. Conversely, why don't the people that complain the most have a meeting at their club?

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