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President's Message



Ray Schmitz

June was the fourth month in a row the average temperature has been below normal. Other than being too dry it has been a fairly easy year in which to grow decent turf for the golfers. However, there has been much damage from the last three storms that passed through the Chicago area mainly due to high winds causing tree damage. If you have not been affected, feel fortunate — Don Cross said that Skokie C.C. lost forty trees in one storm. What ever happened to the fronts that used to bring in a gentle summer rain shower?

The June MAGCS monthly meeting was a huge success and the weather was perfect for the 144 golfers who tested the Flossmoor Country Club layout. A fine steak dinner was served to 156 people who attended the monthly meeting. Dr. Clark Throssell did a great job with the educational portion of the meeting and talked about Purdue University and its role in educating future superintendents. I especially took interest when the talk was focused on what is expected from superintendents when they employ a recent graduate from one of these fine programs. Sponsors for the day were — Illinois Lawn and Equipment, O.M. Scott Co., and Huber Ranch Sod and Equipment. Without the generous sponsors at our monthly meetings costs for the day would be prohibitive for many MAGCS members.

Recently in the mail I received the registration packet for the GCSAA convention which will be held in Anaheim January 23-30, 1993. There are two things to remember when going over this registration, first, the trade show opens on Thursday and the banquet is on Saturday night. Secondly, the Superbowl will be played on Sunday, Jan. 31st in nearby Pasadena. Housing reservations should be made early because rooms may become scarce due the Superbowl.

I want to mention a special thank you to the Murphy family of Lemont Paving for allowing the MAGCS to set up a hospitality tent on their property during the Western Open Golf Tournament. I received many nice comments regarding the hospitality of both Lemont Paving and the MAGCS during the Western Open Tournament.

Next MAGCS monthly meeting August 10th at Mt. Prospect C.C., Fred Behnke will be our host. Hope to see you there.