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## President's Message



**Ray Schmitz** 

The results of April temperatures are in and it is noted that average temperatures for the month were 77° below normal. This is the first time in a year that we had a month with below normal average monthly temperatures. Perhaps there is such a thing as global warming after all and we will pay for this cool spell later this summer.

An important bill is being heard in the Illinois Senate titled Senate Bill 1734. This bill is concerned with preemption of home rule regarding the application of pesticides. If the bill passes the Senate and the House of Representatives it will go to Governor Edgar for his signature. The passing of this bill is very important to our industry for many reasons. If anyone would like more details on this preemption bill please contact me. We should keep an eye on our legislatures to see how they vote on this issue.

The last two educational offerings I attended, the USGA GREENS SECTION SEMINAR and the Superintendents, Manager joint meeting which featured renowned speaker Wendy Stebbins, were poorly attended by local superintendents. If our Association does not support these excellent educational sessions they will be offered less frequently. Our Association has no trouble getting 75 to 100 members at a golf meeting. We are lucky to get 50 members to attend an educational seminar.

The next MAGCS meeting is planned for June 22nd at Flossmoor Country Club where I will be the host. Presently the club house is still closed for remodeling. With any luck it should be open for our meeting. Possibly our meeting will be the first event to be held in the newly remodeled club house. Stay tuned.

Finally the office of the MAGCS has gone high-tech with the purchase of a state of the art combination fax, message recorder, copier machine. This machine will make Penny Meyer, our executive secretary, job much more efficient. Feel free to use this feature in any correspondence with our Association office.