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## President's Message



**Ray Schmitz**

July was another month where the temperatures were below normal and there was plenty of rainfall available on a timely basis. I have not had to water greens, tees, or fairways in over 4 weeks. Almost unheard of during the month of July. The cool temperatures and adequate rainfall made the golf courses in the Chicago area look very lush and green. For several years I have been trying to tell the members at my club that even though we practice good agronomic techniques and have access to the latest equipment and a modern irrigation system we still need cooperation from mother nature to make our golf courses sparkle. If you believe in cycles and averages you can probably look forward to a fall with above average temperatures and below normal rainfall.

The Board of Directors of the MAGCS has been meeting on a regular basis and attending to the affairs of the Association. At the last meeting a time and place was selected to discuss the proposed changes in the by-laws of the GCSAA as recommended by our national association.

The meeting will be held November 4th, 4:30 p.m. at Oak Brook Hills Resort. Bruce Williams, director for the GCSAA will be on hand to discuss the new proposals and explain why they are necessary. A question and answer period will be offered following the discussion. All current voting members (Class A and B) of the GCSAA are invited to attend.

The Federal Government has recently determined that small engines account for 20% of all pollution from engine emissions. I look forward to some kind of legislation requiring pollution controls on our equipment which would certainly have a big impact on the golf and lawn care industries. What will they think of next?

## "Summer Sentiments"

September, with the promise of Fall,  
Take a deep breath, overhaul it all?  
Another great Golfing Summer's nearing an end,  
Challenge of next year's here my friend.  
Another Western Open became a classic,  
Hot, dry, lots of play, Fantastic.  
Yes, another Golfing Season's slipping by,  
A winner, a loser, pie in the sky?  
"Way to go, Ken Lapp!"

**Kenneth R. Zanzig**