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On Course With The President

by Alan Fierst

First and foremost ... Happy Holidays to all members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, their families, and to the many allied friends of the "Midwest". Best wishes, too, for an "evergreen" 1994.

Just a few notes as the first of a series of "President Messages" to come forth from my desk. Here goes ...

Another "Midwest Clinic at Medinah" has come and gone. This year's offerings were punctuated by the continued (and seemingly never ending) discussion of green speed and employment contracts/agreements. About 130 interested individuals were treated to a lively and in-depth treatise on each of the issues. It made for thoughtful insight and a few new wrinkles on subjects that never seem to go away. The consensus was, however, that every golf course superintendent is destined to be carrying, at all times, a "stimpmeter" in one pocket and his/her employment agreement/contract in another. Why is it that employment security for golf course superintendents in the nineties seems inextricably linked to the two of these?

And ... The "Midwest" has long been the privileged with the careful guidance, expertise, and dedication of Ray Schmitz. It has been a pleasure serving with Ray over the many years of

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activity on the MAGCS Board and the many committees within that group. His leadership efforts have been tireless, and there was always a willingness on Ray's part to efficiently and elegantly guide and manage any detail of the association's business. Ray served the association and the membership well, and we thank him for his fine effort. Now that he has assumed elder statesman status, he can relax a bit as we look to him for sage observations on all the issues that matter. Great work, and Thanks, Ray.

And finally ... It is, at the same time, both an exhilarating and humbling experience being asked to direct an association with the scope and dynamics of the "Midwest". It is very flattering to know the guidance of our fine association and the collective trust of the membership now focus in my direction. After many years of serving in a variety of both active and passive support roles for the association, the mantle of responsibility has shifted in my direction. I seek your support. Thank you for your confidence.

