

Director's Column "My Rookie Season"

by Kevin Czerkies, CGCS

I have just completed my first year as a director of the M.A.G.C.S. Looking back over the last 12 months, it has been a very busy but satisfying time for me.

Once elected to the board, I started wondering which committee I would be assigned. I eagerly awaited that first board meeting when committee assignments would be handed out by President Tim Kelly. At last the big day came. I was given Arrangements. At first I thought "All right — an easy committee!" It didn't take too long for me to realize how wrong I was.



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The meeting sites and dates were already set for 1993, however, the fun was just beginning. The initial task of the arrangements committee was to work in conjunction with the golf committee to finalize the new pre-registration and pre-payment policy. This policy was met with negative reactions by some M.A.G.C.S. members. With the M.A.G.C.S. membership growing larger each year, it is often necessary to limit the amount of golfers at our meetings. There was only one meeting throughout 1993 that didn't have a size limitation imposed.

Another board directive was to plan a family event. A picnic and Kane County Cougars baseball game was attended by over 90 M.A.G.C.S. members and their guests. The 1993 monthly meetings were far from routine. Heavy rains at Poplar Creek, forcing a 9 hole event, is just one explanation for Excedrin's rising stock value. My hat goes off to all the host superintendents, you all did an outstanding job.

Before becoming a board member I was told that a lot of time would have to be devoted to the association. Little did I know that between monthly M.A.G.C.S., board and committee meetings, I would attend 29 meetings throughout the past 12 months. In addition to these meetings, I have spent countless hours on the phone finalizing plans with the host

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superintendents and their clubs. I would like to thank my wife and kids for being so patient with me.

The most important lesson I learned during my first year as a Director is that no matter what decisions the board or I make, you can't please everyone. I hope all of you will enjoy the meeting sites set up for 1994, but for now, enjoy your off season and get to know your family again. Happy Holidays to all.

MAGCS Welcomes New Executive Secretary

On November 1, Joan Minnis began her tenure as the Executive Secretary of the MAGCS. Joan and her husband Kris, along with their 1 year old son Benjamin reside in Aurora. They grew up in Batavia, where they own a lot and will eventually build a new home. Joan has been an advertising assistant, a legal secretary and currently she serves as the Membership Director of Stonebridge Country Club. The MAGCS is lucky to have found someone with Joan's qualifications to serve our association as we continue to grow and prosper. The new address for all correspondence is:

MAGCS, P. O. Box 204, North Aurora, IL 60542. The new phone and fax number is: (708) 896-6811.



"Ray Gerber Editorial Award Winner"

This year's winner is Joel Purpur, Superintendent at River Forest Golf Club on his article which appeared in the March 1993 issue. "PR & Chemical Usage" was the overall winner out of 17 articles that qualified.



Editor's Award

This is an award given to someone who may not qualify for the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" but who has contributed articles to **The Bull Sheet** on a somewhat regular basis. Jim Reed is the winner for his articles, "On the Waterfront" which ran for 12 months during 1992 and 1993.