

## Director's Column



### Resolutions

by Donald A. Cross, CGCS

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and are enjoying the relaxation, re-acquaintance with family and friends, and the beauty, that this season brings.

It's hard to believe but another year is now upon us. Time to begin looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead. Time to make those resolutions for a better year in 1993. I read a quote somewhere that you might enjoy: "May all your problems last as long as your New Year's resolutions". If this were true most of our problems, I suspect, would be quite brief.

In spite of the quote alluding to a lack of duration in our resolve, why not consider the following for 1993:

Look at difficulties not as problems but as opportunities. We all have our share of dilemmas both at work and at home. Keep an open mind, don't overreact, look at the potential for making the best of an otherwise unpleasant incident. If you think you have trouble, there are a number of events you can recall, locally to globally, which make our mishaps miniscule by comparison.

Be as quick to praise as we are to reprimand, offer compliment more often than criticism, and have compassion instead of objection. The mid-season stress, both physically and psychologically, takes a toll on our staff and families, as much as it does on us. We often have little patience and can become disagreeable in short order during this time of the year. Try to be more cognizant of the feelings of others. Remember that without the support from our families and friends and the dedication and determination from our staff, our achievements will decline.

Improve our environmental stewardship. We all know the consequences of indiscriminate plant protection and irresponsible product use. I believe we have made great strides in minimizing the environmental impact of these products. Practicing IPM (we have all done this for a long time), improving the education of our staff, and reducing product use in non-essential areas, have all helped in this regard. We could all, however, further improve our care of Mother Earth. Thorough monitoring to determine where maladies most frequently occur and then treating only these specific areas is one such way. Purchasing products with packaging that is recycleable, returnable, reuseable, or of a very low waste load, is another way. Think about it and you will surely come up with numerous ways to be a better steward.

Finally, let's all resolve to participate more in MAGCS activities, attend as many educational events as is possible, promote the positive attributes of golf courses and turfgrass, be more understanding of the irate member or customer, patronize the advertisers of **The Bull Sheet**, and last but not least take some time to "smell the roses". We are only here a short while so we should enjoy life while we can!

I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year! May all your resolutions come to pass!

## MAGCS Committee Assignments 1992/93

December 8, 1992

Executive Committee — T. Kelly (Chairman), A. Fierst, J. Purpur

Finance Committee — A. Fierst (Chairman), T. Kelly, J. Purpur, R. Schmitz

Arrangements Committee — K. Czerkies (Chairman), E. Braunsky

Golf Committee — E. Braunsky (Chairman), K. Czerkies, K. Blatteau (MAGCS Merchandise)

Education Committee — K. Blatteau (Chairman), D. Blomquist  
ByLaws Committee — R. Schmitz (Chairman)

Employment Committee — A. Fierst (Chairman), T. Kelly

Membership Committee — M. Bavier (Chairman), R. Schmitz (Directory)

Long Range Planning Committee — D. Cross/D. Blomquist (Co-chairmen), T. Kelly, A. Fierst, J. Purpur

Public Relations Committee — D. Blomquist/D. Cross (Co-chairmen), J. Purpur, A. Fierst

Editorial Committee — F. Opperman (Chairman), D. Smith, R. Stewart

Past Presidents Council — R. Stewart (Chairman)

Commercial Advisory Council — J. Lebedevs (Chairman)

Benevolence Committee — M. Bavier (Chairman), D. Smith, A. Bertucci, P. Vandercook

### TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Computer Committee — A. Fierst (Chairman), J. Purpur, T. Kelly, R. Schmitz, D. Blomquist, K. Blatteau, R. Hahn, P. Meyer

Contractor Committee — T. Kelly (Chairman), A. Fierst, R. Schmitz, J. Purpur, D. Blomquist

### OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Executive Secretary — P. Meyer

Bull Sheet Editor — F. Opperman

GCSAA Hospitality Suite — P. Meyer, D. Meyer, A. Fierst, T. Kelly