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On Course With the President

by Timothy Kelly,
President, MAGCS



I am writing this message in early May. By the time this is read, it will be early June, and all of us will have begun our summer season challenge for 1993. This intense challenge begins on Memorial Day and ends on Labor Day. This is the time that all of the proper planning and game plan development begins to pay off. The past spring certainly was an interesting challenge.

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I am sure that many of the MAGCS members are aware of the terrible commentary Paul Harvey broadcast back on March 25th. He did this with absolutely zero documentation to back up the claims he made, that birds are no longer heard on golf courses, because our pesticides are killing them. He further mentioned that: pesticides on golf courses were polluting coastal fishing waters; there are 50 chemicals used on golf courses to kill weeds, insects, and rodents and none of these are regulated; the USGA is presently completing it's own 3 year study, but the bottom line is that course designers and maintainers will not behave unless there are new laws to require it. When I read about this broadcast and then obtained a transcript I nearly "freaked out". Once again here is an example of someone who doesn't have a lick of knowledge about the subject, but feels compelled to comment.

Unfortunately for golf course superintendents when a person like Paul Harvey speaks, so many people will hear his broadcast and will think whatever he utters, or comments upon is the truth. I have written to Paul Harvey to vociferously complain about this travesty he created with the March 25th broadcast. If any other member of the MAGCS would care to write him, you may do so at:

Paul Harvey, 333 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

Finally, I hope to see you at our next meeting on June 21st at River Forest C.C., hosted by our excellent Secretary/Treasurer, Joel Purpur.