

M.A.G.C.S. Director's Column

by Kerry Blatteau

The season is nearly over and if I'm like everyone else, I can't wait. This was a strange year and I will be happy to see it go. Cold and wet in the spring, wet and warm in the summer, no roots to work with and then a cool fall. Stop the boat — everybody off. Oh well, the best thing about our profession is we get to re-charge our batteries and reflect and plan in the winter. Surely next year will be better.



As education chairman this year, I am going to take this opportunity to give you the program for the Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C. on November 10, 1993.

- 9:00-10:00 Registration — Coffee and Rolls
- 10:00-10:15 Opening Remarks
- 10:15-10:30 Mr. Bob Maibusch, Supt. Hinsdale Golf Club
"Evolving Management Styles in Great Britain"
- 10:30-12:00 Mr. Jim Latham, USGA
Mr. Tim Davis, Supt. Shoreacres G.C.
Mr. Ken Shepherd, Supt. Wedgewood G.C.
Mr. Bruce Sering, Supt. Glen View Club
Mr. Larry Chirico, Supervisor, Course -3,
Medinah C.C.
Mr. Brian Green, Supt. Sunset Valley G.C.
"Greenspeed Management Practices"
- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00- 1:45 Keynote Speaker — Mr. Dennis Hull
- 1:45- 3:00 Mr. Bill Kindorf, Attorney
"Contracts and Work Agreements, Why Do We
Need Them"
- 3:00- 5:00 M.A.G.C.S. Annual Meeting
- 5:30 Dinner

"The Big Blow Out"

And when the Lines were drained
A type of Peacefulness came over All,
Except for Tricky Mother Nature,
Knowing Heaving and Expansion should Spoil All.
Those that remember Cast-iron Follies,
Know Plastic's can play It's Game Too.
So, next Year, when the Course comes alive,
And No New Irrigation Stations appear,
Give Your Friends the High Five,
Go out and have a Beer!

Kenneth R. Zanzig

Part II — MAGCS Membership Survey 1993

by Michael Bavier

24. Have you hosted a meeting for MAGCS within the following time frame?
 - A. 1-5 years — 23
 - B. 6-10 years — 17
 - C. 11-15 years — 8
 - D. 16-20 years — 9
 - E. Never — 81
25. Would you consider hosting a meeting in the near future?
 - A. Yes — 66
 - B. No — 71
26. What limits you in hosting a meeting?
 - A. Private club rules — 27
 - B. Loss of revenue/Loss of tee times (daily fee facility) — 27
 - C. Club is not big enough (no dining room, locker room, etc.)-32
 - D. Have not been asked to host meeting — 11
 - E. Other — 39
27. How would you rate our monthly golf meetings?
 - A. Excellent — 22
 - B. Good — 91
 - C. Fair — 14
 - D. Poor (need improvement-explain on separate sheet) — 3
28. In general, should the amount of education provided to MAGCS members be:
 - A. Increased — 43
 - B. Decreased — 4
 - C. The same — 51
 - D. The same and keep up the good work — 35
29. Who would you like to hear speak at monthly meetings?
(Mark all that apply)
 - A. Superintendents — 98
 - B. Industry representatives — 73
 - C. University personnel — 91
 - D. Professionals in Business & Personal growth topics — 76
30. Should non-golf monthly meetings have a greater educational emphasis than golf monthly meetings?
 - A. Yes — 118
 - B. No — 16
31. What do you feel is an appropriate length of time spent on education at a monthly **non-golf** meeting?
 - A. 20-30 minutes — 3
 - B. 30-45 minutes — 37
 - C. 45-60 minutes — 64
 - D. 1 hour plus — 32
 - E. none of the above — 0
32. What do you feel is an appropriate length of time spent on education at a monthly **golf** meeting?
 - A. 20-30 minutes — 78
 - B. 30-45 minutes — 38
 - C. 45-60 minutes — 10
 - D. 1 hour plus — 2
 - E. none of the above — 9
33. Would more than one speaker be desirable at monthly meetings?
 - A. Yes — 40
 - B. No — 92
34. Would you prefer an occasional educational round table or panel discussion at a monthly meeting?
 - A. Yes — 83
 - B. No — 20
 - C. No preference — 32
35. Should we skip education during the months of July, August and September? (September being the annual tournament).
 - A. Yes — 79
 - B. No — 33
 - C. August & Sept. only-22
36. Should meetings during July, August and September include just cocktails and hors d'oeuvres unless specified for various reasons?
 - A. Yes — 97
 - B. No — 35

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(MAGCS Survey continued)

37. Are you using the audio-video reference library established by MAGCS members?
A. Yes — 22 B. No — 113
38. Would you send your employees to operational training classes (pesticide use training, etc.) developed and taught by MAGCS members?
A. Yes — 112 B. No — 23
39. Would you attend classes on Conversational Spanish if developed for MAGCS only?
A. Yes — 75 B. No — 60
40. Should the MAGCS seek out service companies (such as aquatic spraying, mosquito abatement, tree planting, core aeration services) to co-host seminars on their specific service?
A. Yes — 92 B. No — 40
41. Do you presently have a computer?
A. Yes, used for irrigation — 16
B. Yes, used for irrigation, reports and word processing — 61
C. Yes, used only by other staff members — 11
D. No — 47
42. Do you presently have a modem?
A. Yes — 44 B. No — 88
43. Are you thinking of getting a computer?
A. Yes — 52 B. No — 53
44. Would you, with the help of your computer and/or modem, be interested in forming and participating in a local Chicagoland superintendents "Bulletin Board?"
A. Yes — 81 B. No — 50
45. Would you pay a service charge for this bulletin board?
A. Yes — 66 B. No — 65
46. Should we restrict the number of Class E memberships in the Midwest?
A. Yes — 57 B. No — 73
47. Have you ever written any articles for the Bull Sheet?
A. Yes — 45 B. No — 92
48. Have you ever been on the program at the Medinah Turf Clinic?
A. Yes — 46 B. No — 90
49. Do you feel a commercial person or vendor should hold an elected seat on MAGCS Board of Directors?
A. Yes — 50 B. No — 64
50. If you answered yes to #49 do you feel this elected person should have voting rights on the Board of Directors?
A. Yes — 45 B. No — 25
51. If you answered no to #49, do you feel that a commercial person or vendor should hold an appointed seat (without voting rights), on the MAGCS Board of Directors, as is current practice?
A. Yes — 58 B. No — 16
52. Please use a separate sheet of paper to write out any comments concerning the MAGCS, and include what you like or dislike about our organization.

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