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On Course with the President

Rapidly, the new golf season of 1994 is bearing down upon us. Already it's shaping up like another busy and unusual golf and turf year. I've been real busy (who isn't!) and in between the busy days I've assembled a few short thoughts for this month's Bull Sheet "blurb". I must tell you now, however, there are no more quotes from Thoreau in store for you this time around.

It is early April as this is being composed and I've just returned from what surely must be the absolute "Mecca" of golf. I speak of course of the magnificent Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, GA. The trip to the golf course and the accompanying Masters Tournament is not unlike what a pilgrimage must be to any devout individual, regardless of whatever it is that they might be devout about. The entire facility at Augusta National bespeaks of quality and quiet dignity. There is the sense that not a single blade of grass is out of place nor is there the feeling that anything else is ever allowed to be out of place. The golf tournament is an event not to be missed and certainly to be enjoyed by personal attendance. It is simply a joy to attend. I have had the pleasure and privilege of attending the Masters several times and have not regretted one ounce of the effort or one cent of the funds expended to make the trip. Usually there are a number of MAGCS members enjoying the tournament as well and it is not at all unusual to recognize at least

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a dozen or so people from the Chicago area. If ever any opportunity arises to venture to Augusta, don't deny yourself the privilege. Check out the Turfgrass Management Center, take some time to venture over to the par 3 course (it's near the 10th fairway and stunningly beautiful), meander over to the "Amen Corner", and settle in at any number of other locations for some great vistas and some greater golf. It is truly a wonderful experience to visit ...

By now, the 1994 MAGCS Membership Directory plus the By-laws and an early revision should be in your hands. It took an enormous amount of time and date organization to compile what amounts to an entirely new and expanded data base for the association. Yeah, we know there are some omissions and a few wrong entries, but we are relying on you to help us correct them. Let MAGCS Executive Secretary Joan Minnis know as soon as possible of any changes to the base data, she will quickly enter the new information into the computer and the correction will be complete. Thanks for your help!

And ... sadly, I must address the following: It seems that a few (and I mean only a desperate few) individuals of the fine membership of the MAGCS have adopted a particularly low form of telephone communication. There have been some rather unkind and completely uncalled for comments recorded on the telephone message system of the "Midwest". It takes no courage whatsoever to curse into an answering machine and leave a message laced with profanity. It is in fact, intolerable. I should think we are above that level of behavior and as educated and cultured individuals — shall not let it happen again.

Thanks.
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