

Directors Column

by Ed Braunsky

The 1995 world of the Secretary/Treasurer of the MAGCS has been a wild ride! If I could receive frequent drivers miles, I could probably be able to drive to Denver free of charge. The work load of the Secretary/Treasurer has increased tremendously over the last few years. Many people have truly done an outstanding job in 1995 with regards to the running of the association. A big thank you goes to Joel Purpur, Don Cross, Al Fierst and George and Joan Minnis.



Here are a few highlights of the business activities of the MAGCS over the last year:

- The monthly newsletter **The Bull Sheet** continues to provide the MAGCS with a nice profit. A big thank you goes to Mr. Fred Opperman. We hope to take some of the money making burden off of the newsletter in the future.

- The new "gold or silver" dues contribution setup provided the MAGCS with over \$8000 to use for additional dollars for research and contribution. The money given to the CDGA alone by the MAGCS was one of the largest contributions to date. A special thanks to Dr. Kane for all of his help.

- The MAGCS monthly meetings continue to be run very efficiently. When you see Brian Bossert or Kevin Czerkies tell them thanks for a great job of running the arrangements and golf committees. The other "BIG" part of a **low** cost monthly meeting is the sponsorship from our commercial members. These members gave over \$12,000 in 1995. This could be a record! When you see them, tell them "HEY I LOVE YOU MAN!" Buy them a Bud Lite!

- Since the fiscal year does not end until 12/31/1995 we will have a run down of the end of the year numbers at the January meeting. We should end the year in good shape. Hey, I was the Sec'y/Treasurer, would you expect anything else! Seriously, the entire membership can feel good about the on goings of the association. A lot of people really do give 150% and it shows.

As at the Midwest Turf Clinic I would like to list the organizations we supported in 1995:

- ★The Ed Braunsky Family Fund (just kidding!)
- ★The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- ★The Musser International Turf Foundation
- ★The Evans Scholarship Foundation
- ★The Illinois Turf Grass Foundation
- ★The University of Illinois
- ★The Chicago District Golf Association.

Thanks to all for allowing me to be your Secretary/Treasurer in 1995. I truly enjoyed all of my work and learned a lot. Finally, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! All the best to everyone in 1996.

Midwest Turf Expo

January 24 - 26, 1996

Indiana Convention Center
Indianapolis, IN

- ☑ In-depth workshops on marketing for LCOs, landscape management, USGA greens, basic turf, pond management, and answering pesticide questions
- ☑ 11 hours of concurrent educational sessions featuring nationally recognized specialists in all areas of turf and landscape management
- ☑ GCSAA Human Resource Management Seminar on Tuesday Jan. 23
- ☑ Trade show featuring equipment and products for turf and landscape management

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