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!)

 \bigstar 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

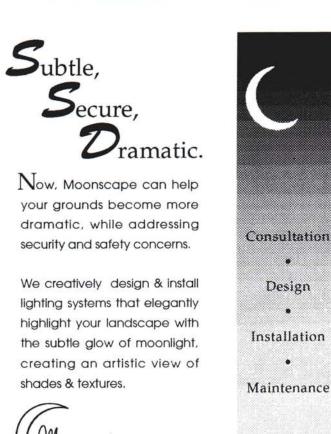
* The Chicago District Golf Association.

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.

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