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On Course With the President

There have been numerous times over the past several months that MAGCS committee meetings have taken place for planning current and future directions of the Midwest. The Long Range Planning Committee, for instance, has met and has many innovative ideas for association improvements. That committee is trying to forecast needs and establish policies for the future of our association. It is difficult to predict the future and address the desires of the MAGCS membership. To best help these MAGCS committees meet our member expectations and the desired direction of our association, it is imperative that we receive input from the members themselves. This input must come from the entire membership and not just from a vocal minority. This is important if we are to truly please the membership as a whole. Many surveys have been done in the past, but historically we have been lucky to get only about a 20% response on the average. Can't we do better than that? WE MUST!

A new survey is being developed that has several questions relating to the future direction of our association. The survey also contains questions that should provide useful and timely information for budgeting, negotiations, justifications, and Public Relations. The accuracy and success of the survey project depends directly upon your participation. We urge all of our members to take the few minutes necessary with the survey to help define the direction for the MAGCS at this important turning point.

There has been much discussion at the Board level about the current newsletter name **The Bull Sheet**. With complimentary MAGCS newsletters soon to become available to our club officials as a PR tool, the Board of Directors would like to change the name to appropriately represent our association and reflect our professional status. We as a Board realize that our purpose is to respect the wishes of the majority of the membership and do what is best for the MAGCS. For this reason the Board decided to survey every voting member via a telephone poll to obtain a complete and accurate conclusion. A survey was tried several years ago (1991) and the membership opinions about a name change were voiced by return postcard. Once again there was only slightly more than a 20% membership return (23.6%). After a strong campaign by those opposed to change the name, **The Bull Sheet** retention voice topped the survey.

Was that survey a true representation of the voting members? Is the sentiment the same? The only way we could truly know for sure was to strive for complete voting member survey participation. This enormous task is nearing completion with the exception of those voting members who have moved with no forward information or that we simply can't get a hold of. The Board will evaluate the survey results, therefore be on the lookout for further updates regarding this issue.



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The MAGCS is at a turning point. The direction we take will depend largely on the collective input of the members. When you receive the MAGCS survey, please take a couple of minutes to carefully fill it out. With your cooperation the Board can get a "feel" for how to best serve the MAGCS membership and therefore initiate the planning needed to fulfill the future direction and personality of our growing association.

Joel Purpur, President, MAGCS

Total U.S. Golf Course Supply / 1994

State	Daily Fee	Municipal	Private	Total
Florida	525	106	467	1,098
California	389	185	309	883
Michigan	586	86	145	817
New York	431	128	249	808
Texas	290	169	321	780
Ohio	455	100	192	747
Pennsylvania	399	40	230	669
Illinois	287	176	196	659
North Carolina	290	33	182	505
Wisconsin	321	67	65	453
Minnesota	281	91	59	431
Indiana	257	65	96	418
Iowa	233	56	85	374
Georgia	165	43	160	368
South Carolina	226	9	114	349
Massachusetts	181	42	120	343
Missouri	144	50	114	308
Virginia	120	28	133	281
New Jersey	87	49	132	268
Washington	150	54	58	262
Arizona	154	35	70	259
Tennessee	108	46	100	254
Kentucky	114	44	93	251
Alabama	107	32	111	250
Kansas	82	53	108	243
Colorado	76	78	52	206
Nebraska	98	46	48	192
Oklahoma	71	67	49	187
Oregon	126	17	38	181
Connecticut	59	36	81	176
Maryland	49	33	84	166
Arkansas	57	17	91	165
Mississippi	56	14	91	161
Louisiana	43	24	83	150
Maine	93	10	17	120
South Dakota	55	31	32	118
West Virginia	71	17	30	118
North Dakota	44	47	17	108
New Hampshire	85	3	13	101
Utah	26	54	14	94
Montana	50	20	18	88
Idaho	47	28	12	87
Hawaii	57	8	20	85
New Mexico	33	29	23	85
Nevada	33	21	10	64
Vermont	49	0	10	59
Wyoming	28	16	6	50
Rhode Island	24	3	20	47
Delaware	8	2	21	31
Alaska	11	4	1	16
District of Columbia	1	3	2	6
U.S. Totals	7,732	2,415	4,792	14,939

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