

(On Course With The President continued)

mittee has plans for continuing improvements to make our fine newsletter even better. The Board of Directors has not voted on a name change as of February 1, but when the next step is taken, the Midwest may have a contest for the selection of an appropriate newsletter name.

This brings us into another issue, **cost**. When the different dues levels were offered, like most anything else, there were many favorable comments on the program. There were also comments from members who objected to the program, mostly because of affordability. If you examine what our members pay for annual dues, we are still extremely low compared to other professional organizations. The Golf Pro's for instance, pay hundreds of dollars, mostly out of their own pockets, to belong to the PGA. Depending on member classification, Golf Pro Assistants may even pay in the hundreds of dollars. They do have a glossy and slick four color magazine and member insurance programs. On the other hand, our dues for a class A member do not even cover the cost of our newsletter! Class A dues at \$50 a year amounts to only \$4.17 a month. Presently, it costs \$4.93 to produce each issue of your "Bull Sheet". The Midwest really takes a loss providing newsletters to class C and D members. If it were not for the support of our loyal newsletter advertisers, we would really be in a financial bind developing our MAGCS budget structure. We are destined to take a closer look at the dues structure as we prepare to expand any membership services. We all want more, but are we willing to pay for it? We are going to have to.

Update on the Terry Petric Marathon Fund

by Peter Leuzinger, CGCS

It is time to thank all the people and businesses from the MAGCS, St. Charles C.C. and The Ivanhoe Club for supporting the Terry Petric Marathon Fund. You will recall, and thanks to you, a flier was sent out with the July issue of the **Bull Sheet** asking for pledges supporting Terry's family, after he passed away June 4th from cancer. The pledges were in dollar amounts per mile for me to run in the Chicago Marathon this past October 30, 1994. I finished the race and everyone paid! I am happy to report that over \$8,200 was given to Katie from the fund. MAGCS members made up the backbone of the amount as they accounted for over \$6,000 of those pledge dollars.

This has been an unbelievable experience. First, and most important, Terry's friends chose to remember his name just a little longer. Terry had quite a positive affect on the people that knew him. Second, and for myself, I was able to do something I never thought possible. Running 26 miles was a real undertaking for me, both time-wise in training and physically; it was very painful.

I think when we lose a close friend, we tend to learn about perspective. Knowing Terry and his young family probably will help us appreciate our families. Learning how to run and do it in Terry's name helps make some of my everyday duties seem not so hard anymore.

Katie Petric is very appreciative of your support and thanks you from the bottom of her heart.


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