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On Course with the President

It has been a long and difficult season for all of us and hopefully, all of us have done a good job of keeping our clientele informed of the many environmental factors causing turf problems of which we have little or no control. Hats off to Dr. Randy Kane, Dr. Henry Wilkinson, Bob Maibusch, and the CDGA for distributing a fine summary report on the damaged turf



conditions of 1995! This excellent and complete summary was sent to CDGA Member Club Presidents, Superintendents, and CDGA Board of Directors. On his own, Dr. Randy Kane sent the letter to non-member courses as well. To no surprise, it has been a brutal summer for Randy, having to consult at a record number of courses. We are really lucky to have the services of Dr. Kane and the CDGA. To extend the support and appreciation of the MAGCS, the Board of Directors voted to make a donation to the CDGA Foundation, this was made possible from your voluntary Research and Development donations to the MAGCS. I hope everyone read the golf turf article in the Chicago Tribune of September 8, 1995. It sympathizes with what Superintendents have gone through this year and maybe it will emphasize to uninformed and unsympathetic golfers that this year was definitely not one to be critical of less than ideal turf conditions. Once again Dr. Kane and Bob Maibusch were involved with the effort to spread the message. Good Job!

Other news with the Midwest; a new name for our newsletter has been chosen. The Editorial committee presented five finalist newsletter names from over a hundred suggestions from our members. Both the Board of Directors and the Editorial Committee were in agreement with the top choice. It is very fitting and amazing that the new name came from the very person who suggested the original name **The Bull Sheet**. Bob Williams submitted the winning suggestion of "On Course" with the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The MAGCS newsletter will take on its new name, "On Course", and its new cover around the turn of the year. The Editorial Committee has a lot of work remaining to set up all of the details and prepare the newsletter for its new look. "Thank You" again to all of our members who submitted serious and creative name suggestions.

The Editorial Committee will also re-route the name "The Bull Sheet" by replacing what is now "Midwest Breezes". We will most likely bring back the "Bull" figure to this page, enabling us to publish the local "Bull", maintaining an old and honored tradition.

Thanks and congratulations to Bob Williams in helping the MAGCS stay "On Course".

Joel Purpur, President, MAGCS