

Directors Column

by Kevin Czerkies

The October M.A.G.C.S. meeting will mark the last golf event that I will serve as chairman of the golf committee. I've enjoyed the last two years as golf chairman, but I've discovered that it is truly a demanding job.

The M.A.G.C.S. runs six golf meetings annually. It is virtually impossible for the golf committee to come up with events that are going to please the entire field. Many members prefer team type events, whereas others prefer to play their own ball.

The pre-registration and pre-payment policy is working quite well, but problems still exist. Many golfers wait until the last week to sign up, thus not only missing the registration deadline, but causing me to make an average of 15 phone calls per golf event. Some of the reasons that I have to make these calls are only three players of the foursome sent their money in, or one guy is signed up with two different groups. Only once that I recall did someone call me to say "hey, I signed up to play with so and so, and now he can't make it." Other problems occur when someone comes up to the registration table to check in and I don't have their name on the list that I received from the M.A.G.C.S. office.

The annual tournament may someday become a 36 hole event for those in the championship flight. The M.A.G.C.S. champion does receive an invitation to participate in the Illinois Open. It is to our advantage to produce the best possible player to represent the Golf Course Superintendents.

It is only fitting that I end my duties as Golf Chairman by hosting the event. It will be the Annual College Championship/2-man scramble on October 12. This event is always lots of fun, however, there may be a misconception that a member has to be a college graduate to participate. This is not true at all. In fact, only half the field last year competed for the College Championship. Prizes are awarded to the 2-man scramble teams. The College Championship winner gets their name on a trophy and bragging rights for a year.

I'm looking forward to October 12 because the last time Sportsmans hosted a meeting was June, 1989. Many improvements have taken place since then. Like most golf courses, this summer has taken its' toll on my turf, but hopefully we'll be in good shape for the outing. Hope to see you there!



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