

On Course with the President



Don Cross,
President, MAGCS

As this issue of *On Course* crosses your desk, many of us will be in Orlando or will soon be traveling there to partake in, what can certainly be considered a highlight of our year, the GCSAA International Conference and Show. Varied choices of opportunity for education, equipment and product inspection, camaraderie, entertainment, and relaxation will be available for all. I hope many of you are able to attend and have the opportunity to have your families join you for at least the "relaxation" part. It might be a nice way to make up for our certain "intolerable" demeanor during the past golf season. I hope we all return invigorated and poised to begin a new golf season!

While many of our members use the current "slow season" to enjoy some needed and deserved, rest and recharge time, your MAGCS Board has been diligently attending to the various affairs and business of the association. Many plans for the new year have already been formulated and/or finalized at two Board of Director's meetings and at several standing committee meetings. A myriad of activity proceeds behind the scenes.

At this writing, the New Year has just arrived and our Vice President, Ed Braunsky, is finalizing the year end financial statement, which will show we ended up the year on solid ground with a slight income. The MAGCS prepares a break-even budget each year (as we have for 1996), and some years we fall short, other years we slightly profit. Overall, over the past several years, our year end financial condition has been very close to what was projected. Hopefully, we will see the same trend with this year's finances. Our slight income in 1995 was due to a strong support of the gold/silver contribution program as well as unexpected monthly meeting sponsorships. I applaud all those who are responsible and thank one and all. Ed recently "passed the books," along with the load of responsibility and effort in keeping them in order, to Kevin Czerkies. Kevin stands ready, willing, and able to keep us on track. The Secretary / Treasurer position was the most time-consuming task of any I have experienced while on the MAGCS board, and Ed would readily agree. We owe Ed our sincere thanks for a job extremely well done!

Committee progress is steadily proceeding. The Public Relations committee is finalizing details for the Golf Show exhibit. The Membership committee is assisting Executive Secretary, George Minnis, in developing the 1996 membership roster and new directory inserts. Education, Arrangements, and Golf are all formulating their plans and events for the remainder of

the year. The Editorial committee is hard at work with *On Course* production, procuring advertisers, and out "twisting a few arms" in attempt to acquire more article submission. Finally, the Past Presidents Council will be meeting in early January, the details of which will be reported in the next issue of *On Course*.

Lastly, I want to thank the many contributors to the Golden Tee Club, for their support of the MAGCS Hospitality Suite in Orlando. The contributions this year parallel previous years and allow us to provide the means for our members to enjoy a respite from the brisk pace during conference days. Thank You for your generosity!!!

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