

Kudos



Ed Braunsky, CGCS

Can you believe that it is already the 4th of July! We have had an interesting first six months of 1996. I often ask myself what I could have done to tick off the "Big Guy" upstairs. It has been a shame that we have not been able to provide the golfers of the Chicago area with the super conditions that they have come to expect from us. I know one thing for sure, MOTHER NATURE IS #1! Let's hope for a better end of the 1996 golf season.

Webster's dictionary defines "kudos" as a compliment, praise. Several people and organizations deserve to be complimented and praised at this time of the year.

Let's start out with **Bruce Williams**, president of the GCSAA and one of Midwest's own. What a massive assignment he is going through. Bruce is always helping to support his fellow superintendents. Everyone needs to sit and listen to Bruce give a presentation. He is always right on the money. The GCSAA provides its membership with a wealth of information, and Bruce is a big part of that info. Kudos, Bruce!

Fred Opperman, *On Course* editor. Super job with our new magazine, Fred!

George Minnis, MAGCS executive secretary. Not enough

room in this article to talk about the fantastic effort George puts forth. (It's funny how the complaint calls are way down.)

Kevin Czerkies. Kev, I love you, man. You now know the time and work it takes to fulfill your duties as secretary/treasurer of the MAGCS.

Don Cross. Only four months to go, Don! Keep up the good work. The challenge is mine soon! Eagle Ridge will be the sight for my first Board of Directors meeting. (Just kidding.)

Sister Elizabeth, my fourth-grade teacher. Sister, you said I would not amount to much. Sorry to prove you wrong!

Kudos also need to go to the following organizations: **The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation**
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*North Shore Country Club
Jerry Dinelli
Asst. Superintendent of Grounds*

To whom it may concern:

I have been an assistant superintendent for ten years and am fourth generation of a family of golf course superintendents. My job responsibilities have increase tremendously in all aspects of managing a golf course, including compliance with environmentally sensitive issues. I enjoy my position.

As we move towards the twenty-first century, we at North Shore Country Club feel the assistant superintendent position has risen to a level of management much like the superintendent of the past.

We also have seen the superintendent position become more administrative, which has not been recognized until recently.

I have supported the Golf Course Superintendents Association for the past eight years and have attended numerous GCSAA educational seminars. After accomplishing all of this, I am appalled at the position the GCSAA has taken towards the assistant superintendent. I am extremely disappointed to find the GCSAA has removed privileges from these professionals instead of recognizing their value to our industry. It is also my opinion that money is not the issue, but the lack of opportunity is. With all the past support and effort, we should have an opportunity to obtain some type of certification and not be pushed to the back of the bus.

Sincerely, Jerry Dinelli

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for providing all of us with very timely information. The **Midwest Turfgrass Foundation** also sends out informative items. The **Chicago District Golf Association** and **Dr. Kane** always provide "ammo" to help us explain why the turf is not growing right. I make it a habit lately to copy all of the info sent out and give it to my Board of Directors. Kudos to all!

Finally, Kudos to all of the members of the MAGCS. The last year and a half has been very trying, indeed. Hang in there everyone. The white stuff will be coming down soon!!! ■

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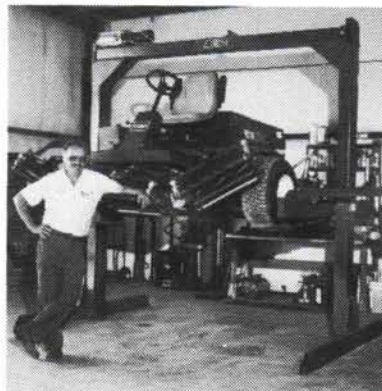


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