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As I begin this column at the end of March, winter's grip appears to be weakening, and we are all beginning the fury of activity the new golf season brings. It's been a very busy off-season for me as we began a major pond dredging/retaining wall/mounding project back in October. For the past 6 months, this project has consumed the majority of my time and energy; and now, finally, as we proceed with restoration work, the light at the end of the tunnel is a little brighter. I can sincerely say that during this period, I have been fortunate to work with such dependable, capable, and dedicated people as is the MAGCS Board of Directors. I thank them all for their fine work and hope the entire membership appreciates the time and effort they volunteer.

While we are all busy on our courses or supplying products and providing services, your MAGCS Board continues to address the varied association business activities.

The Arrangements, Education, and Golf Committees are finalizing dates, topics, and events for the remainder of the year. The Long-Range Planning Committee has met and will be bringing up some "future considerations" at our next board meeting. The Public Relations Committee is considering how best to disseminate the new MAGCS brochure and possibly help in the formulation of a follow-up progress report letter to last year's CDGA "Turf Conditions and the Summer of 1995." The Employment Committee continues to provide rapid response and distribution of position announcements. These announcements, as well as many other membership services, are made possible by the excellent efforts of our executive secretary, who so quietly, yet proficiently, handles much of our ongoing business. Last, but not least, our editor and the Editorial Committee continue to produce and enhance what I believe we are all very proud of, our *On Course* publication. We, the Board of Directors, are all striving to provide you with valuable

membership services and a high-quality association. We hope you are pleased with the direction we are heading. If not, please let me know!

At this early juncture in this new season, it's hard to comment about the weather. But aside from temperatures being cooler than normal, at least it has been dry. Just what one needs for restoration work! A few warm days and a little rainfall should bring everything out of dormancy. Well, almost everything... I'm not so sure about the bleached out *Poa annua*!

I hope all of you have a great spring, and I look forward to seeing you at our next MAGCS meeting, June 11, at Odyssey Golf Club.

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