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Where has the season gone? It seems as though it was just a few weeks ago that summer golfing and turf conditions were up to the levels that we, in the Chicagoland area, have come to expect. Perhaps I feel this way because it's true. Between the frigid winter, the saturated spring, and the flooded (at least for some) and unseasonably mild summer (no complaints about the latter!!), it's no wonder it seems like the "season" just started. Perhaps we will have a nice long Indian Summer to accomplish our fall maintenance work and special projects. I sure hope so!

At the August MAGCS meeting, we paid tribute to our senior members by holding Seniors' Day and the Senior championship. As this is written in advance of the event, I cannot state who the winner was, but a hearty congratulations is in order, nevertheless. I want to thank all of the seniors in attendance and those unable to attend for everything you have done for our association and our profession as well. While we acknowledge you at only this one meeting each year, your leadership, expertise, and counsel is sought and respected throughout the year. Thank you so much!!

As we approach autumn and work to finalize MAGCS events for the remainder of the year, the Midwest Clinic and the Annual Meeting come to mind. The Education Committee is formulating plans for the day's topics, and the Arrangements Committee is busy with details regarding the menu. Soon the Nominating Committee will be developing the slate of candidates for the 1996-1997 election. If any eligible members are interested in serving on the board, please let me or

Nominating Committee chairman, Joel Purpur, know as soon as possible. We are always interested in new ideas and energetic individuals to carry on the fine "Midwest" tradition. Give it some consideration.

This month's MAGCS meeting will be held at Skokie Country Club, and our MAGCS Champion will be determined. I wish all competitors "Good Luck." I'm looking forward to hosting the event and am hoping for great weather. In July Skokie Country Club's Board of Directors decided to evaluate a "spike-free" policy for the month. The results were incredible, and the membership has been elated with the putting quality difference. At the conclusion of the evaluation period, there was no question as to what policy would follow; and we are now continuously "spike-free." I mention this so that those of you planning on playing can have your spikes changed before you come. I do not think this should pose any hardship for anyone, as most of us have already joined the revolution. Judging by what I've seen and heard from other superintendents at "spike-free" clubs, it is only a matter of time before all courses will follow this program.

See you on September 16, and play well!!

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