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helping me carry the 100 boxes of prizes that I have to take to each golf event. My hat goes off to these members for all their help.

There have been many changes in the Golf Committee. We have invited the current MAGCS golf champion to serve on the committee. Tom Robinson has offered a new perspective on formats for events so that the good, bad and average player can enjoy them, and they are fair to everyone. Prizes have been upgraded; instead of the same old shirts and hats, we now have logoed golf bags, watches, windshirts, jackets, golf towels and, of course, shirts. Cochairman Don Ferreri is investigating securing higher-end prizes for the annual tournament.

We are going to attempt to do a one-time sale of MAGCS

merchandise. A list of merchandise along with a order card will be available for you to fill out and pay for, and we will place your order. Look for this later in the fall. Plans are being finalized for the use of Visa and MasterCard to pay for dues, golf events and merchandise. I pray that this will make registration for the meetings a lot less difficult.

By the time you read this, the July 7 meeting at Orchard Valley is over. Registration has been extremely difficult for this meeting. The announcement stated we would take the first 128 paid players, and the deadline for registration was June 30. The event was full as of June 18. I made over 40 calls to people telling them that they could not play. Many four-somes had one or two players that could not play because they had

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7he 1997 MAGCS Golf Committee has been hard at work to ensure that our events run smoothly. As the cochairman, I am very excited about the committee's members. There are 12 hard-working MAGCS members checking players in, handing out prizes or just



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1997 Classic Gin Tourney

1997 Champ: Old P.V., Paul Voykin

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The 1997 Classic Gin Tourny started out with a low turnout. However, the cream of the crop was there. The 1996 winner, Peter Voykin, showed up with a third-stage Hong Kong flu, along with Johnny "The Bear" Berarducci, "South Side Dudley", the Rookie From Glenview: Jeff Leuzinger, and many long-time losers with the likes of Bob Rigney, Jay Druhan and Jim Burdett.

The Northwest group of Mike Bavier and his Old Line Contingent were not player-ready and backed off.

It started off with the Old P.V. embarrassing old Wally Fuchs into buying some friendly sociables.

Old P.V. quickly swept through the early rounds until he matched up with the formidable Johnny "The Bear." He uncannily did not say a word for one and a half hours, one of the longest matches in Gin Tourny history. When he finally defeated Johnny "The Bear," he renewed his verbal attack on long-shot Wally and his associates.

Old, Old, P.V. finally prevailed, winning his first weather-aborted Gin Tourny. They say "on the South Side," the final four marches through Silver Lake C.C.; however, Old P.V. retains the trophy for the Northsiders at the Last Dance.

All funds were contributed to the "Rhonda Austin Fund." Should anyone want to continue donations, mail them to Dudley Smith's attention at Silver Lake C.C., Box 497, Orland Park, IL 60462.

I thank you for your continuing support.

"The Bear" ■

Director's Column

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not paid. This has been an reoccurring problem, so please check with your group and make sure all of them want to play and have sent their money in. This would help me with all the last-minute calls to the guys who had never intended to play but who had been signed up with a group that was short one player. I hope the new charge system will give another option to pay for our events.

Many have asked why there are limits put on the field for the monthly events. The limits are placed by the hosting club. Many clubs do not have carts or seating to accommodate a group the size of MAGCS; plus, because of time restrictions, many clubs have other events going on later in the day.

The price of the events has been questioned. We have to pay for golf, carts and sometimes a portion of both. Many events serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Then there are all those great new prizes.

If it were not for our monthly sponsors, the price would be even more than what we are now paying. I know Arrangements Chairman Greg Thalmann does his best to keep costs down.

Two years ago when golf chairman Kevin Czerkies handed the reins of the Golf Committee to me in a cold Medina C.C. parking lot, he stated to me, "You will

never please everyone." There have been mistakes made, but that is part of the learning process. We tried to accommodate as many of our members as possible and will continue to do so. I encourage anyone to come get their hands dirty and come serve on the Golf Committee. ■



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