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t seems like yesterday that I was a know-it-all high school kid looking for a summer job. Being a golf lover, it only seemed natural that I should try to find a job that would allow me to play free golf. I figured there was no better place than Cog Hill—72 holes! I owe a great deal of thanks to Ken Lapp, superintendent at Cog Hill, for giving me the chance, teaching me the business, and helping me succeed.

Six years ago, I was elected to serve on the MAGCS Board; now you've entrusted me to serve as president for the next year. I appreciate this opportunity and will put forth every effort to maintain the high standards that have made the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents the best GCSAA chapter.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents offers its members many privileges. To get the most out of this association, be an active member. Serve on one of the many committees, attend education seminars, or participate in golf events. What I find most gratifying about the MAGCS are the members. There are a lot of good people in this association, and I enjoy being around them, both professionally and socially.

I would like to encourage each and every member to communicate with the MAGCS Board if you have any problems or concerns. Also, don't hesitate to give the board a pat on the back every once in awhile; the directors volunteer a lot of their time to this association for the benefit of us all.

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