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7his will be my last column as a member of the Board of Directors of the MAGCS. Please stop the applauding and the cheering! It has been a long and eventful ride. I have had a ball during the last nine years. So without further ado, here is the list of the Top 10 things that I will miss about serving on the board of the MAGCS:

1. I will miss getting together with George Minnis, our executive secretary, who has done a terrific job. It will be hard to drive my truck near his house and not want to stop in. I said it before and I will say it again, George has done a terrific job.

2. This one is easy. Toro tees. I will miss that bag full of tees. Maybe I can swing it so that everyone will receive some in the future.

3. Riding to board meetings with Jim McNair. Jim and I always had great conversations when we would venture to the different meetings sites. It was always great to get all of that junk about life and work off of your chest. Thanks, Jimmy!

4. Brian Bossert does not eat meat! I will miss seeing what gets dished out to Brian. I always would look for barnyard animals

to follow the server in with that mound of lettuce that was headed Brian's way. Great job, Brian! The Bulls will not be playing this year, so forget about those ticks.

5. I will most certainly miss all of the complaining that comes out of the MAGCS. Hey, guys and gals, if you do not like a monthly meeting site, get crazy and host a monthly meeting. If we are that important at our clubs, it should be no problem securing sites for monthly meetings. Don't forget to keep the cost of the meetings at a reasonable price(that was always fun).

6. Golfing with Jim Burdett. Jim only golfs with members of the board or past presidents, so I still have a half a chance. I have often yelled out to see if anyone would like the chance to play a round with Jim but had no luck.

Seriously, Jim is a good friend and a devoted MAGCS member.

7. I will miss guys like Adolph, Frank and Howard. It has been a busy year on the benevolence front. Rest in peace, guys.

8. Who would not miss writing articles for *On Course!* Try to sit down and write several articles. It is not easy. Great job, Fred Opperman, on a great magazine.

9. As a board member, you receive a lot of phone calls, faxes and letters. Those will be missed. I will still call Kevin Czerkies though. His phone system has some of the best music on it. Often I will call and asked to be put on hold just to hear the rest of "Muskrat Love." Great job this year, Kev!

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Finally, No. 10. I will miss serving on the board. Through it all, it's been a blast. Thanks to all who have served in the past and will serve in the future. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has been, and will continue to be, one of the best associations on the planet! 

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