



*I would like to thank you for your support and confidence in allowing me to serve you as a member of the Board of Directors for the MAGCS. It is a great honor and I pledge to do my best in serving you as chair of this year's Golf Committee.*

The Golf Committee met in March and by unanimous vote recommended to the Board that a change was necessary in the way handicaps are handled for our golf events. The committee felt that a change will ensure that all participants will be competing on a level playing field. In the past, each competitor was asked to state his/her handicap. The problem occurred when, in some cases, participants would write in their USGA Index number. Frequently, the index number was then applied as the competitor's handicap. This created a problem when we would play a course that had a high slope rating (e.g., Bull Valley). In such a situation, the competitor would not receive the correct number of strokes allocated.

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The committee wants to make sure all competitors are playing on equal terms. If you do not have the ability to establish a USGA Index at your home course, you may obtain one through the MAGCS. Paul Yerkes will be our contact to the CDGA in setting up this program and coordinating the reporting of all scores. So if you are interested in establishing a USGA Index, please contact Paul or me. Remember, you must post five scores in order to establish an index.

I am very excited over the quality of courses that we are playing at our monthly events this year. Since so many of our members are moving into the senior division (50 and over) this year, we have a "new" trophy for the winner of the senior gross division. It is the Old Elm Elmer Bertucci Trophy. It is said that Elmer was the first superintendent at Old Elm, and in the early '80s, the manager at Old Elm bestowed the trophy to the MAGCS in Elmer's honor. The trophy was supposed to be a traveling trophy for the winner of the annual senior event, but it

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would be responsible for ongoing requirements.

So what happens next? The MSRSG will continue to make presentations throughout the country through May. They will be collecting information from these presentations as well as from individuals on the Web. Then, in June, they will meet to make their final recommendations. These recommendations will be distributed to all members early in August, prior to the chapter delegates meeting in September, and more than six months before any bylaws vote is scheduled in February of 2001. If adopted, the requirements would go into effect the following year, July 2002.

There are many unanswered questions that relate to the PDI, but the MSRSG is working to keep members well informed about this proposal, through constant communication in *Newsline* and with chapters. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to send them by e-mail to [pdj@gcsaa.org](mailto:pdj@gcsaa.org) or by regular postal mail to PDI, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66049.



mysteriously disappeared somewhere along the line. It wound up in the possession of Bob Williams, who gave it to Ed Fischer a few years ago. Ed was kind enough to donate it to the Midwest, and we will start presenting it to the champion of the senior gross division. The winner's name will be engraved on the trophy and it will remain in his possession for a year. I feel this is a great way to honor our past.

I look forward to a great golfing year and want to thank all of those who have volunteered their time to the Golf Committee.



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