



# Time to Step Up:

## Host a Monthly Meeting at Your Club

*As another year comes to a close, with most of us (I wish it were me!) buttoning up our fall course-improvement projects, it is time to reflect on this past year's golf meetings. Our meetings took us to some great venues in three different states. If you missed any of the meetings, you truly missed some special golf courses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hosts: Dan Albaugh, Phil Zeinert, Ron Fox, Jim McNair and Harry Lovero, Dan Tully and this month's host, Mr. Dudley Smith.*

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It has become very difficult to find venues that can accommodate the MAGCS. In the past, many clubs would volunteer their courses for our monthly meetings. It would cost our members very little to attend and participate. Unfortunately, times have changed; most clubs are not in the position financially to offer the MAGCS a free ride or, for that matter, the available time that could be used by another organization. We are fortunate to have many sponsors to help supplement the cost of our meetings and we should all be grateful for their generosity.

What bothers me is that we have those in our Association who complain about the cost of our meetings. They also say, "Why do we have to go to a meeting at such-and-such a place when we just had a meeting there a few years ago?" Or, "I'm not going to drive all the way there." I have four words to share with you: Shut your pie hole!

Sure, it takes time and effort to go to your board, manager or whoever is responsible for scheduling outings. Think about all the great venues, great times and great fellowship we have shared at MAGCS meetings. It is time to make the effort, to "cash in" a few favors and host a meeting. I know, I know—you're all saying, "Mumper, put your money where your mouth is." I will be hosting a meeting sometime in the year 2003.

Now it is your turn. We will have sign-up sheets for meeting slots at our November meeting at Medinah. Don't wait until then; sign up now by calling either Kevin DeRoo or me to reserve your date.

