



On Course... Of Course

What has the Editorial Committee been up to this year? "Where do I start?" is the question I ask myself. First and foremost, I would like to thank and recognize those who served on the Editorial Committee.

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- Dr. Randy Kane, CDGA
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- Cathy Miles Ralston, Editor
- John Gurke, Contributing Editor

Who will serve on the Editorial Committee in 2003?

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We will come back to that volunteer thing a little later in this column, since several hundred of you in the Association seem a bit unsure as to what that word means.

The new additions to *On Course* this year include the introduction and execution of the Fred D. Opperman Editorial Award. Articles eligible for the award must be written by a member of the MAGCS who is at the time of submission a class C, D, E, F or G member. Considering that more than just superintendent-authored articles are published in *On Course*, we felt that the development of an award for all other classes would be a great addition and reward for these authors' hard work. Who better to name the award after than Fred Opperman, long-time editor and pioneer in the transition of *the Bull Sheet* to *On Course*.

"The Way We Are," the sibling of "The Way We Were," made its debut, intermittently dealing with the issues and trends we contend with in today's golf course management profession. "The Voice of Experience" by Bob Williams grew out of Bob's generous offer to contribute his wisdom to the magazine by imparting some food for thought every month. Last but not least, we initiated the "Midwest Personalities" column. With a membership of nearly 700, it would take decades to profile our members solely through the "Super-N-Site" vehicle. We took into consideration that this Association comprises not only superintendents, but also assistants, vendors, researchers and allied professionals.

Got mojo? Volunteer!

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was a whopping 4%, or 25 members, some of whom serve on multiple committees. That's a pathetic turnout, if you ask me. Yes, we do appreciate the time and effort many of you have donated in the past. But, there is a lot of new blood and resources out there that have not yet been tapped. As Uncle Sam would say, "WE WANT YOU!" Despite popular belief, the Association does not run itself, and for those of us that are putting forth the effort, it is becoming a strenuous proposition to maintain. I know what you're think-

ing: "I don't have time to participate." Hey, you probably have found time in the past year to throw your golf clubs in the car and head to a monthly MAGCS golf meeting (and some dilly-dally around hitting golf balls on the range and not attending the business meeting and education offering that the Arrangements and Education Committees have worked so hard to put together, but that's another matter). Am I being insulting? Yes. Do I expect your appreciation? Hardly. Sure, we can keep running the Association at the

current level of participation; we'll just eliminate a few things like golf and *On Course* to make our job easier. With that said, I think I have finally gotten the point across that Luke Strojny and Luke Cella have been trying to communicate all year. Be a piece of the puzzle; volunteer your time to serve on a committee!



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